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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

TO THE PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA IN SESSION AT METLAKATLA APRIL 3, 1922.

Report of S. Hall Young, General Missionary.

Dear Brethren:

My report properly covers only the last three months of the fiscal year, commencing January 1, 1922, Presumably Dr. James H. Condit, the retiring General Missionary, will present his report for the preceding nine months.

Although I did not assume the office until the date mentioned, I had been traveling extensively within the bounds of the Presbytery during the summer and fall of 1921. One of the duties laid upon me when I left New York, the latter part of April, was to visit the churches of the Presbytery and help put in force the assessment laid upon them by the Home Mission Board. This involved more than $2,000 in excess of what the churches had been paying toward the support of their pastors. I first visited Wrangell, Ketchikan, Saxman, Metlakatla and Kasaan. Then, early in July, I crossed to the West Coast, cruising on the "Tornado," in company with Rev. W.E. Story, D.D., who was coming to Hydaburg, and with Rev. E.E. Bromley. I visited all the principal mining camps and towns on the West Coast.

The latter part of July and during the month of August I visited Juneau, and in the "Lois," in company with Revs. David Waggoner and George E. Beck, I cruised among the northern islands, visiting the missions of Hoonah, Kake, and Sitka, stopping, also, at many fishing camps, canneries, towns, etc., and holding services wherever practicable. Returning to Juneau, I went northward on

a steamer, visiting the missions of Haines, Klukwan and Skagway. Thus, every one of our missions was visited, and conditions carefully canvassed.

As a result of this itinerary, I became convinced that owing to the depressing state of business, especially of the fishing business in Alaska the past year, it would be impossible to collect from the native churches any part of the sums asked by the Board. I, therefore, recommended that the Board pay all of the salaries of ministers to native churches for the year, thus putting back on the Board's budget some $2500. To my great gratification,and somewhat to my surprise, the Board adopted my recommendations, and paid the salaries of the missionaries in full, with the understanding, however, that if possible in the future the missions should progress steadily toward self-support.

I was about to leave Alaska and return to my office in New York,when, the middle of October, I received a cablegram from the Board appointing me as General Missionary, to assume my office on January 1st, and in the meantime asking me to spend what time I could at Ketchikan, Metlakatla and Kasaan, and then to go to Hydaburg and Bayview, looking after those missions until the time came for me to go to Juneau and assume my office. I did so, making reports to the Board and to Dr. Condit concerning all these points. I spent almost a month at Bayview and Hydaburg, preaching also at Craig.

Since January 1st, I have occupied the house of the General Missionary at Juneau and attended to the duties of the office. On March 13th, I went to Haines and on the 15th , in company with Revs. Denton and Winterberger, interviewed Mr. W. E. Wiley, getting his proposition for the purchase of the bulk of our tract of land at Haines.

During the past three months I have been in constant consultation with Dr. Bruce, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, and Mr. Waggoner, Stated Clerk and Chairman of the Committee on Church Erection. I have, also, consulted the

missionaries throughout the Presbytery on all points that concern their respective missions, and have endeavored to establish the most confidential relations with them and myself and the Board I represent. In connection with Revs. Bruce and Waggoner, and at the request of the Board, I sent to Headquarters, the 1st of February, an estimated budget for the next fiscal year, conforming as closely as possible to the demand for reduction made by the Board in view of its financial embarrassment.

Under date of October 15th, I received from Dr. Marquis a letter, in which occurred the following paragraph: "My own impression is that our work in Alaska needs a thorough, deep-rooted reorganization. The retirement of Dr. Condit opens the way for that. I wish you would, therefore, prepare and submit to me such a plan of reorganization, keeping in mind that the Board will not be able, and probably ought not to increase its Alaskan budget to any great extent. Our increases ought to be in the more densely populated fields. Your plan, also, ought to provide for a more careful selection of Missionaries. We are all anxious, here, to stand by the Brethren in Alaska to the last ditch, but we want them, also, to stand by their work to the same extent..... Now, my dear Dr. Young, take off your coat and go to it. We will be looking to you to restore the former days of glory in our Alaska work. Anything I can do to help you will be most cheerfully done, and be assured that we will back you to the limit of our power and influence."

This somewhat appalling commission I have tried to tackle as best I could, leaning heavily upon the advice of the brethren of the Presbytery. I have endeavored first of all to secure for the Presbytery the same liberty of action and recommendation enjoyed by Presbyteries elsewhere, and to divide my responsibilities with the officers of the Presbytery. I am trying to get the most of the financial transactions between the Presbytery and the Board managed by the officers of the Presbytery rather than by the General Missionary. I do not desire to shirk any duty that belongs to my office, but I do not wish to usurp any of the prerogatives that usually belong to

Presbytery.

In trying to formulate a plan of reorganization I have become convinced that the native churches should be urged to progress far beyond any effort they have made in the past toward self-support. Repeatedly, I have been told in our office in New York that Alaska was receiving far more from the Board in proportion to what it was giving to the Board than any other field, and this is undoubtedly true. The Presbytery of Alaska was constituted by the General Assembly of 1883, and organized in 1884. I have not the statistics that show the total amount of funds received from the Board by the Presbyteries of Alaska since their organization, but for the ten years which ended March 31, 1921, the sums are as follows: For current work the Alaska missions have received from the Board $327,134.18; for buildings $64,320.75; Total, $391,454.93. As against this large amount, the churches of Alaska have contributed to the Board a less sum than almost any other region. In the past few years, some of the churches have made a real effort to increase their gifts to the Board, while others of the churches have entirely neglected this duty. The Indian churches elsewhere, notably among the Nez Perces, the Sioux, the Navajos, and the tribes in Oklahoma have, many of them, attained to entire self-support, and others have almost attained that goal. The officers of the Board have complained, and with reason, of the seeming indifference on the part of Alaska missionaries in the matter of getting their congregations to progress toward self-support.

I believe that the budget system ought to be introduced into every church in this archipelago, and persisted in. When the natives become used to it, they will learn the joy of giving.

But they will never progress toward self-support rapidly, or come near to attaining it, until we train more of the natives to be ministers and put them in charge of the native churches under efficient white supervision. To this end we must establish a school for the training of native ministers. Where and how this is to be done, is one of our problems.

The necessity of such a training school, and of gradually replacing the white ministers, especially in the outlying stations with trained native ministers, is understood pretty generally by our missionaries. One of your number, commending the plan, says, "I would like to see it put into effect as sonn as possible. These native people will cooperate better with a native leader than they will with a white missionary.....I have said to some of my fellow Presbyters that if ever there is a revival among these people that leads them to make great sacrifice for their faith and leads them to a deeper and better understanding of the Gospel, it will be under the leadership of some of their own race just as it has been in the foreign fields. If we have failed in our mission work among the native people of Alaska, it is in not raising up leaders from among the people we have served."

It is exceedingly difficult toget the natives to contribute money toward the support of their white pastors. But it is not hard to induce them to contribute to the support of native leaders. This is proved by the great success which William Paul had in raising many hundreds of dollars for his trip to Washington City. To instance but one point of the many, take the case of Klukwan this winter. Mr. Personeus has been preaching to our church there without any stated salary. In response to a number of letters which I wrote to the elders and members of the Klukwan church, asking them to contribute to the help of this faithful servant of the Lord, I have learned that they have given considerable food supply, such as fish, rabbits, etc., and ten dollars in money; while that town raised $200 for William Paul's expenses. It is rep_orted that the collections taken up in the church from Sabbath to Sabbath went to Mr. Paul instead of Mr. Personeus.

With an educated native ministry supplying these native churches, and the envelope system firmly established, I believe that the progress of these churches toward self-support would be rapid. While the lay pastors whomwe have employed to fill vacancies have, in ~~many~~ some cases, done faithful work, yet the percentage of failure has been very large, much larger than it would have been had the men had high school and

Bible School training. Now that the Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka has been reorganized under very efficient management, the preliminary training of these students for the ministry is provided for. It only remains to found and carry on in Alaska a training school for the ministry. I would ask the Presbytery to take action on this matter.

The matter of transportation for our missionary pastors and evangelists is a very serious one. The "Lois " must be kept in first class condition so that she can transport the missionaries, including the native workers, to their places of usefulness, convene Presbytery, and do the work of an evangelist. Carrying out the suggestions made last year by Mr. Beck, I endeavored to get the boat endowed in the sum of $1,600 annually, which sum would keep her in repair, provision her, and pay for all running expenses. I wrote to Mr. S. S. Childs, who provided the "Lois" with her engine in the first place, and who has annually given greater or less sums for her maintenance and repair. Last year I secured from Mr. Childs $300 for this purpose. This year I boldly asked him to give annually the sum of $1,600 as a perpetual endowment. A very courteous and kindly letter from Mr. Childs stated his inability to give so much this year or to promise it for future years, but he sent me $500 , a larger sum than he has given for many years. This I turned over to Mr. Beck, and he is using it for the repair and running of the boat. We have asked the Board to continue the $600 which it gave last year for running expenses. If this is granted, we will have $1,100, which will be amply sufficient for the work of the "Lois" this year. A Mr. Penfield, a student at a theological seminary, has been engaged by the Board to travel on the "Lois" and engage in evangelistic work, under the direction of Mr. Beck. Native helpers will, also, be transported to their places of usefulness as occasions occur.

I ask the Presbytery to elect Rev. George J. Beck as Pastor-evangelist, to conduct meetings throughout the archipelago during the summer months wherever he is needed, and to have supervision over these helpers, white and native.

In view of the fact that the devil is very busy among the natives in the summer time, when they are scattered to the different salmon canneries, fishing camps, and other places of work, and are subjected to all kinds of temptations, the Presbyterian Church should make a vigorous effort to supply all these camps with religious teaching and supervision. In addition to the "Lois," the "Tornado" should be repaired and sent to Kake during the coming summer, so that the minister at Kake could follow his people to their various fishing places. The hull of the Kake boat should be finished, an engine installed, and the boat put in commission as soon as possible, and given to the missionaries of the West Coast for their use. I have placed these needs before the Board, and the Presbytery should take action on this matter.

A beginning should be made towards establishing a training school for native ministers during the coming year. I would recommend that the Presbytery ask the General Missionary, Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D., and Rev. David Waggoner to take what steps they can to inaugurate this institution, and commence the training of a native ministry. The formal establishment of the institution can be deferred to another time.

The management and disposal of the lands belonging to the Board of Home Missions in Alaska has been a source of perplexity to the General Missionaries and of irritation to the missions. As in the government of Alaska, so in regard to our missions long-distance management has been slow, and by reason of red tape and diversity of committees, has not always been satisfactory to any of the parties concerned. This is especially true in regard to our valuable property at Haines, Wrangell, and Hoonah. Last year a proposition was made by the Masons, at Haines, to purchase a lot for the erection of a Masonic hall. The price they offered was $500, which was a good price, as the lot concerned was of little use to the mission. Dr. Condit urged the consummation of the deal, but the Board delayed action so long that the Masons became discouraged and withdrew their offer, and acting on a questionable decision of Major Gotwals, built a hall on our water front. The loss to us, considering the

price offered for the lot, and the depreciation of our property by the buildings on the water front, amounted, in all probility, to several thousand dollars.

I have written vigorously to the Board on this matter, asking that a local committee be appointed to deal with this property, suggesting the names of Mr. Denton, of Haines, Mr. Winterberger, of Skagway, Messrs. Bruce and Condit of Juneau, and myself as such committee, with power to negotiate sales. A Mr. Wiley, who is Supt. of the Rainy Hollow Mining Company, wished to purchase the bulk of the Haines property in order to make it the terminus of a railroad which the company projects. Several letters on this subject passed between myself and Dr. Patterson, the Financial Secretary of the Board. By order of the Board, Dr. Patterson appointed a committee, consisting of Dr. Condit, Dr. Diven, and myself to formulate a plan for, and negotiate the sale of the property, subject to approval of the Board. Although I protested that this committee, by reason of the wide separation of its members, is an awkward and unwieldy committee, I have gone ahead according to the directions of Dr. Patterson, with this result: I made a trip to Haines, and in company with Mr. Winterberger and Mr. Denton, met Mr. Wiley, and got his proposition as follows: He makes the tentative proposition to purchase 262 acres of the tract, at $35 an acre, with certain reservations of lots occupied by Indians, which would net the Board some $9,200. The proposition is not made formally as yet, Mr. Wiley waiting to hear from his company. I have conferred with Dr. Condit and Dr. Diven, and got their approval to this deal, and have recommended that in case the offer is made in proper form, it be accepted. About three and a half acres, containing the mission building and some cleared land, will remain to the mission.

The former General Missionary is at present the Attorney-in-Fact of the Board in matters concerning mission property in Alaska. Inasmuch as he is no longer officially connected with the Board and is not a member of the Presbytery of Alaska, I should be the Attorney in his place, and should have the power to employ an efficient lawyer to draw up papers and conduct the business properly. I think that

the action of Presbytery would be necessary to bring about this change.

I would recommend that instead of a general committee, such as Dr. Patterson appointed, local committees should deal with the several properties. If a committee of only three is desired in each place, I would recommend that for the Haines property Mr. Denton, Dr. Bruce and myself should be the committee; for Wrangell, Dr. Diven, Judge W.G. Thomas and myself; for Hoonah, Mr. Beck, Mr. Waggoner and myself.

The problems in each of these places are very different. At Wrangell there are seven and two thirds acres, comprising the best building lots in the city. Several acres of this land, which were formerly at least partially cleared, have grown up to trees and brush. The land which at one time could have been divided up into lots and sold for $20,000 or more has depreciated in value until it is probable that not more than $7,000 or $8,000 could be realized from its sale. It is an eyesore to the town and an irritation to its citizens. Last fall an experienced painter, who was a member of our church at Wrangell, offered to paint the church and manse, outside and in, as the price of a lot on the mission grounds. But there was nobody who had power to make the bargain, and the consequence is that the painter has gone, or is about to go away from Wrangell, and the church, in the language of its pastor "Stands as naked as a wayside-born babe." A parish house is needed at Wrangell, and other improvements. These could be obtained and erected were such a committee as I have suggested empowered to plat the ground and negotiate sales.

At Hoonah the situation is again different, but the pastor there, with the assistance of the committee I have suggested, could be empowered to give deeds of lots for building purposes to the natives, and thus bring the town and the mission grounds to a more respectable appearance than at present.

In my plans I have emphasized in all my communications to the Board the necessity of bringing the Presbytery into more intimate relations with the Board, and giving its officers more power to manage local affairs. The Stated Clerk and the Chairmen of the Home Mission, Church Erection, and other committees should have

the same powers accorded to these officers in other Presbyteries. Local financial business between the Board and the missions should be managed by these officers of the Presbytery and not by the General Missionary.

Inasmuch as I shall have to make long trips to the northward and westward, and shall be called upon to make extended lecture tours among the churches of the East to raise funds for Alaska missions, I ask the Presbytery to elect Rev. George G. Bruce as Assistant General Missionary, to conduct correspondence, sign vouchers and requisitions, etc., in my absence. This will avoid confusion and long delays such as have occurred in the past.

In regard to certain individual missions; I would recommend that Mr. J.S. Brown be elected as lay-pastor of Hydaburg, from April 1st until a white missionary is secured for that mission; that his salary be $100 per month, $75 of which be furnished by the Board, the remaining $25 to be contributed by the Hydaburg church, with the understanding that when a white missionary is secured for that place, the church continue to pay $25 per month for the support of the pastor. Rev. H.H. Story, the son of Dr. Story, who was at Hydaburg for three months last year, has been recommended by me for appointment to Hydaburg, with the understanding that he is also, with Mr. Bromley during the coming year, to minister to Craig, Tokeen, and the various fishing camps and canneries on the West Coast.

Inasmuch as there is a loyal band of Presbyterians at Angoon, enrolled in the Sitka Presbyterian Church, but needing a church and organization of their own, I recommend that the best available native, if possible one employed by the Bureau of Education as teacher, shall be commissioned as our missionary to Angoon, with a small supplementary salary.

The mission of Klukwan should be supplied with steady preaching services, either by some one who is also employed as teacher in the Klukwan school, or by a qualified native lay-pastor. I ask that the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery be instructed, in conjunction with myself, to bring this about.

Our church at Kasaan is a devoted and loyal little band, who deserve more preaching than they get. There should be a native pastor there permanently. Until we can obtain a trained licentiate, I would recommend that Mr. Sam Davis, who has been elected by the Kasaan Church, should be appointed as lay-pastor, with a salary of $75 per month, as much as possible of this sum being secured from the members of the church. Mr. Falconer should continue his visits once a month to Kasaan, without the necessity of remaining there a week each visit. The lay-pastor should report to him every month.

Two or three goals should be kept steadfastly in view of the Presbytery of Alaska, and every effort made to attain them. First, a full and cordial fellowship and cooperation between the members of the Presbytery of Alaska and the Board and its representative.

Second, the complete evangelization of every town, settlement and camp in south-eastern Alaska, so that all the members of all our churches shall be cared for spiritually at all seasons of the year.

Third, the steady progress of all of our missions towards full self-support, and also a like progress in the benevolences of the church.

Fourth, the education of a native ministry, with a view to replacing a number of white missionaries by these trained natives.

Fifth, the utilizing of mission properties, so as to best promote the missions near them, and relieve the Board of financial burden.

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the cordial reception I have received from the members of this Presbytery, and the cooperation and help afforded by the officers of the Presbytery. I hope to spend the rest of my life in Alaska promoting its spiritual interests.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Young

General Missionary for Alaska.

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Cordova, Alaska, April 15, 1922

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave, New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon;

Yours of March 31 arrived at Juneau on the Alameda, which I took from Ketchikan, and on to Cordova. I had barely time to get the mail and also other mail which Dr. Bruce had for me, and this is the first opportunity I have had to send a reply. I got yours the 7th.

I have written a full letter to Mr. Banks, with my complete accounts from the time of assuming my office. I cannot understand you when you say "You have already expended $184.95. The only account you had had was the Jan. acct, showing an expenditure of 67.75 which with the $.10 carried over from Dec would be 75.85. That is, unless the Feb. acct of 36.65, which Mr. Banks said had not arrived, had been unearthed by his clerks.

But I will not repeat what I have carefully written for him. Had not my daughter's visit been delayed so long, and the funds on which I was relying failed to come before the end of the fiscal year, there could have been no misunderstanding, for my daughter would have put into Mr. Banks's hands the

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$150 advanced expense account. I have written her again and if that account has not been paid, it will be settled promptly. If her hopes are but partially realized in regard to receiving a lump sum from Mr. K. our financial troubles will be all over.

In regard to the overdraft of $59.95 which you say was voted but which has not arrived as yet, I cannot figure that sum either. Doubtless all will be straightened out when my accounts arrive. I have kept them carefully.

Of course, I overran the 125 allowed for the first quarter. If my daughter's funds are sufficient I shall repay that to Mr. Bowles the heaviest item in the report for the First Quarter, viz. Typists' wages. There will be no such items hereafter, as my Daughter will be my secretary.

After the first week in June my traveling expenses ought to be comparatively light, as I shall do my traveling the coming summer principally in the Yukon, unless I am called east for a campaign, which expenses would be met from another fund. It will hardly be necessary for me to come within the bounds of Yukon Presbytery again this fiscal year.

I am going to Cheetina and Kennecott May 1. I have a pass. I expect also to get a pass on the Coast-road to Katalla, Nevana and Fairbanks. No, I don't think it will be necessary for you or the other to lecture me.

Most cordially S Hall Young

April 17, 1922.

Rev. E. E. Knapp,
Foxboro, Mass.

My dear Brother:-

Your letter of April fifteenth addressed to the Superintendent of Alaskan Missions of the Presbyterian Church has been referred to me for reply. I regret very much that I do not know of any grammar or arrangement of the Eskimo tongue which would be of service to you in your further study of the language. I shall, however, send your letter to Dr. S. Hall Young, our General Missionary in Alaska and ask him to write you directly in the matter. It is of course quite possible that he may have a knowledge of such a grammar when we are ignorant of the fact.

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

S.S. Victoria, Prince William Sound,
Alaska. Sun. April 23, 1922

Rev. J. A. Marquis D.D., LL.D.
158 Fifth Ave. New York City

Dear Dr. Marquis;

I think you came out from
Home on the Victoria - "The Old Roller".
Mr. Nickerson and I are aboard her on
our way to Presbytery. We expected to
reach Seward last night, but have
been stopping at canneries and it is
not likely that we shall reach Seward
before Monday night. A train will be
waiting to take us on to Anchorage.

I sent a full letter to Mr. Barbour
a week ago, concerning accounts and
expenditures, which I hope you have found
satisfactory. I also wrote to Dr. Dixon,
telling him something of the first
week. Now I am giving you the

report of last week including last Sunday (Easter) and today.

The Easter services in the new church at Leadmine were very satisfactory. A children's service in the morning with the Sunday school assisting. The offering, which was for missions reached the goodly sum of $45.74. I preached a sermon on the Resurrection of Christ in the evening to a full house. Many old friends were out. I made an appeal looking to the dedication of the new church free of debt about the first Sun. in June. I am to make the address and appeal. I was very hoarse from a cold, but got through without much difficulty.

Monday morning I took the train on the Lehigh Valley R.R. for the grand opera season at Rabenwerth, 19

miles from Teardrop. The Manager of the Road, Mr. Caleb Pearson, gave me a free pass. I married him in 1909. I went to Chetina on the train (131 miles) and the rest of the way to Kennecott by a rail road, arriving 6 P.M. Sun. Sun. I went through the great mill, which is running at full speed, drawing its ore from three mines, and sending only the richer ore and concentrates of the rest to the smelter. Its profits are great, in spite of the low price of copper.

I preached Sun. eve - 40 present. Collection $26.05. Went to Chetina Wed. and preached in the evening. 29 present, collection $16.50. Chetina was hard hit by the completion of the Govt. R.R., destroying the travel from Chetina to Fairbanks.

As at Teardrop, the hotels at

Whiting and Strahm and Kennicott would charge me nothing, their proprietors being old friends of mine. The only expense I incurred during two weeks at Kordova and up the R.R. was 3.50 for meals on the dining car. I paid that out of my collections, gave Mr. Nickerson $20.00 for big rubbers, paid for my ticket to Seward ($14.00) paid for the films needed in my work, and for the incidentals of the trips. The only item charged to my Expense Acct during three weeks, from Ketchikan to Seward, is my ticket from Juneau to Cordova. I found friends everywhere eager to entertain me. Of course, nobody else could travel so cheaply.

I am trying to arrange for Mr Nickerson to make a trip

up the line at least once a month. I shall try to go to Kenmecott again and make a canvass for funds to finish the Leardova church.

We had the Social Hall full at our service tonight. Mr. Nickerson led the singing. I preached on "The Great Wrestling Match". I took no collection but spoke of the new church at Leardova, and after the meeting the congregation started a hat around and gave Mr. Nickerson $10, besides some private gifts.

There are some 125 Indians at Leardova, and nothing at all is done for them spiritually. I am encouraging Mr. Nickerson to give them a service every Sunday in the old church

and to take the oversight of them. They are entirely abandoned by their Russian priests. The Methodists have made no provision for the Indians as far east as Iwaduna.

My plan for the immediate future is to stay at Anvik one for three weeks or more, make trips to Nutaruska, Nenana and Fairbanks, back to Iwaduna for the dedication the first Sun. in June, then to Unalakleet to prepare for my family, go to Synod 1st of July, do anything that needs to be done there, return and make the rounds with Book, etc. etc.

I am feeling strong and keen for work.

Good night

S. Hall Young

April 28, 1922.

Presbytery of Yukon,
Abchorage -Alaska.

Gentlemen:

Leaving Anchorage and going north on the Alaska railway there are several centers where Sunday schools should be established. Katerudna has about 100 people, in an agricultural center, and about 25 children of school age. On the spur line at Chickaloon, Government coal mines, are 300 men, many with families. Public school has 30 children, also Eska Government coal mine, where about 200 men are employed, many have families, public school with 10 children. At Cetter Govt. coal washing plant, employing about 150 men, Evans Jones coal mine, about 80 men, all within a radius of 12 miles. On the main line north of Katarudna we come to Wasilla, shipping point for Willow Creek gold mining. Population about 100, and public schoolk has 10 children. By auto 27 miles is group of mines known as Willow Creek mine, where there are about 300 men employed, in a radius of 10 miles. At Talkeetna about 100, public school of 12. Deadhorse has about 50. Broad Pass and its coal and gold mines has about 75. Healy a divison point and large coal shipping center has 100 men. Mile 387, railroad construction camp, has 500 men, some with families. This camp will increase several hundred in summer months and continued over a year. Nenana River bridge construction gangs together with road construction gangs will reach as high as 500 with probably 300 steel workers in addition. The town of Nenana at this point with a population of about 500, a public school of 40.

In addition to the above we have our section crews, pumping stations, along this line of travel employ approximately 150 men with their families, together with coal and gold prospectors, probably total 500. Train crews, and traffic along the line of travel in road houses.

All of these are without regular religious instruction. All can be reached in two days anda half by rail. In addition there are canneries and fisheries employing hundred of men along Cook's Inlet, and near the railway.

Between 3000 and 4000 people are living without religious influence of any kind in territory that properly belongs to the Presbyterian field. The church that reaches them first will have a hold all along the railway, where a permanent population is certain to become established.

Respectfully,

Signed D.M. Williams

Chairman, Committee Pub. and S.S. Work.

C O P Y

S.S.VICTORIA, Prince William Sound,

Alaska, Sun. April 23, 1922.

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The Easter services in the new church at Cordova were very satisfactory. A children's service in the morning with the fine choir assisting. The offering, which was for missions, reached the goodly sum of $45+. I preached a sermon on the resurrection of Christ in the [redacted] evening to a full house. Many old friends were out. I made an appeal looking to the dedication of the new church free of debt about the first Sun. in June. I am to make the address and appeal. I was very hoarse from a cold, but got through without much difficulty.

Monday morning I took the train on the Copper Valley R. R. for the great copper mine at Kennecott, 196 miles from Cordova. The manager of the Road, Mr. Caleb Carser, gave me a free pass. I married him in 1909. I went to Chitina on the train (131 miles) and the rest of the way to Kennecott by a rail Ford, arriving 8 P. M. On Tues. I went through the great mill, which is running at full speed, drawing its ore from three mines, and sending only the richer ore and concentrates of the rest to the smaller. Its profits are great, in spite of the low price of copper.

I preached Tues. eve. - 40 present. Collection $26.05. Went to [redacted] Chitina Wed. and preached in the evening, 29 present, collection $16.50. Chitina was hard hit by the completion of the Govt. R. R. destroying the travel from Chitina to Fairbanks.

As at Cordova, the hotels at Chitina and Stredna and Kennecott would charge me nothing, their proprietors being old friends of mine. The only expense I incurred during two weeks at Cordova and up the R. R. was $3.50 for meals on the dining car. I paid that out of my collections, gave Mr. Nickerson $20.00 for hymnbooks, paid for my ticket to Seward ($14.00), paid for the films needed in my work, and for the incidentals of the trips. The only item charged to my expense acc't during three weeks, from Ketchikan to Seward, is my ticket from Juneau to Cordova. I find friends everywhere eager to entertain me. Of course nobody else could travel so cheaply.

I am trying to arrange for Mr. Nickerson to make a trip up the line at least once a month. I shall try to go to Kennecott again and make a canvass for funds to finish the Cordova church.

We had the Social Hall full at our service tonight. Mr. Nickerson led the

singing. I preached on "The Great Wrestling Match." I took no collection but spoke of the new church at Cordova, and after the meeting the congregation started a hat around and gave Mr. Nickerson $10, besides some private gifts.

There are some 125 Indians at Cordova, and nothing at all is done for them spiritually. I am encouraging Mr. Nickerson to give them a service every Sunday in the old church and to take the oversight of them. They are entirely abandoned by their Russian priests. The Methodists have made no provision for the Indians as far East as Cordova.

My plan for the immediate future is to stay at Anchorage for three weeks or more, make trips to Matanuska, Nenana and Fairbanks, back to Cordova for the dedication the first Sun. in June, then to Juneau to prepare for my family, go to Synod 1st of July, do anything that needs to be done there, return and make the rounds with Beck, etc., etc.

I am feeling strong and keen for work.

Good night.

(signed) S. HALL YOUNG.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Anchorage, Alaska
April 28, 1922

Rev.John A. Marquis, D.D.,LLD.
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y.City

Dear Dr.Marquis:

After attending the Presbytery of Alaska at Metlakatala April 1st, to 5th, I took the Alameda through Juneau to Cordova arriving there Monday April 10th. Sunday the 9th, I preached to a dining room full, mostly of old timers, on the Alameda.

I remained in Cordova that week during which time I conducted three funerals, two of them old timers, who knew me. On Easter Sunday I attended the childrens Easter Service in the morning and preached the first sermon delivered in the new church in the evening. I sent a picture of this beautiful new church to Mr. Banks.

Monday I took the train to Chitina and Kennecott Mines. I had a most interesting time. I think I have written partof this to Dr.Dixon but it will do no harm to repeat. I held services both at Chitina and at Kennecott, and I think I have arranged that they shall have regular services. There are a lot of good christian people there and they are anxious to have meetings. Incidentally, the collections taken at those two places purchased $20.00 worth of hymn books from Mr. Nickerson andpaid my traveling expenses to Seward.

I am to go back to Cordova for the first Sunday in June when we are to dedicate the new church. I shall arrive at Cordova in time to assist in raising the last of the money required.

We had an interesting service Sunday the 23rd on board the Victoria and arrived at Anchorage, Tuesday the 25th.

We have had a most interesting meeting of the Presbytery - Scherer of Fairbanks, Nickerson of Cordova and Mr. Marple being the ministers besides myself and Mr. Williams of the church here, the one elder.

As you will see by the report of the stated clerk, all of these three churches show a decided advance with the exception of Fairbanks, but even that field is in a better state just now than it has been for two years. Mr. Nickerson was elected moderator and Mr. Marple stated clerk.

I shall not give in detail the proceedings of the Presbytery but come at once to

the most important matters discussed. You will see by the enclosed budget that these three churches have made considerable reduction in the amounts they ask from the board. I hope that the board will grant in full what they request, as they have sacrificed largely in making these reductions. I believe that the Anchorage church if encouraged by the board will attain self support within the next year or two. I believe it is the most vigorous church in Alaska and has the most promising outlook.

The people of Anchorage love Mr. Marple and his wife and there seems to be no cloud on the horizon of this church.

The church at Cordova is also in a hopeful condition.

The population of Fairbanks has almost changed during the past two or three years - the old church members have mostly gone but new ones are coming in and the town is beginning to build up again. The same can be said of Nenana. There will be about two millions of dollars expended on the great iron bridge across the Tanana at that point within the next year, and the country back of Nenana is being settled up.

Mr. Scherer is going to the general assembly, having exchanged his time with Mr. Marple and he will see you and can give you more light on the situation in the Tanana valley. I am going next Tuesday to Fairbanks to take care of his church for a month or so. I shall also visit Nenana and the points along the railroad.

I have passes on these roads and the traveling expenses will not be heavy.

We have licensed Mr. D. H. Williams as local evangalist and asked that he be commissioned to organize Sunday Schools and missions along the line of the railroad commencing as soon as possible. Mr. Williams has a prosperous undertaking business at Anchorage, but is Superintendant of the sunday school here and has done much christian work along the line of the railroad. He has furnished me the figures and statistics which I enclose. He is licensed to preach by the Methodist church, although he is now a Presbyterian elder. He offers to make a great sacrifice and leaves his business for one year in charge of his wife and devote his time to christian work along the lines of the Government road.

He has had great experience in this line and I know of no one so well adapted to this work. He offers to raise on that field one thousand dollars if he is provided with another thousand dollars, making his salary the usual one of two thousand dollars.

I have written to Mr. Somerndike of the Sunday School Board placing this proposition before him and asking him to consult with you. I most earnestly hope

that either the Board of Home Missions or the Sabbath Sunday School Board or the two together will furnish the one thousand dollars asked for and inagurate this work. It is not a new work; it is the same kind of work which Mr.Hughes did three or four years ago.

Seeing that we are no longer paying the salary of a missionary at Nenana and another at Matanuska as formerly, surely we can afford to send Mr. Williams to this important field. Mr. Williams will reach a larger pupulation than the whole population of Anchorage. That country is rapidly coming into prominence, its future is sure - the present is a critical time - unless we strike now, the iron will be cold. Mr. Scherer will tell you more about this work. We have also elected Mr. Williams as lay commissioner to the Assembly and if he attends you will meet him.

After I have visited Fairbanks and Nenana, I shall be able to tellyou more definitely about the condition of the interior and its needs.

With the addition of the thousand dollars asked for Mr. Williams, the budget for the coming year, for this Presbytery is several hundred dollars less than last year, so that I am not asking for any increase for new work. I think that I am to be given much of the credit for the reduction in the amount asked from the Board - therefore, I make this request with confidence.

I have not heard from the Board for more than two weeks or from my family. I expect to be back at Juneau in time to receive lassie and the children when they come in June.

I hope that you will have a glorious time at the General Assembly. I expect to be commissioner next year.

Devotedly yours,

S Hall Young

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May 2, 1922.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LLD.,
Presb yterian General Assembly,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Marquis,

I am sending this by Mr. Scherer, our Commissioner to the Assembly. I hope you will have a full interview with him as he can give you the situation in Interior Alaska better than any other man. I have made a change in my plans becuase Mr. Scherer thinks I can do his people some good by a longer stay than I first contemplated. I expect to remain at Fairbanks until after June first. Mr. Nickerson, of Cordova, also wished to defer the date of the dedication of his new church. We have put that now for the 18th of June. This will involve my missing the chance of meeting my family on their arrival at Juneau, but the Bruce's and the Waggoner's are attending to the necesaary work to be done and will meet Lassie and the children and take good care of them.

I earnestly hope that Mr. Scherer will be given the opportunity to tell of the needs of Alaska before the General Assembly and before the officers of the Board present at Des Moines. For fear that Mr. Waggoner has not fully informed you I wish to remind you of another opportunity. Herbert Murchison, the Tsimpsheam, from Metlakatla, who is the lay Commissioner for the Presbytery of Alaska, is an excellent singer and has done solo work before large conventions throughout the States. Put him on your Home Mission program.

I have sent letters from Cordova and this place which will give you full information as to my movements and the meeting of Presbytery.

Hoping that you will have a grand Assembly and that the financial outlook will be brighter for next year, I am,

Yours most warmly,

S. Hall Young

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Fairbanks, Alaska. May 18, 1922

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave, New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis,

On this day of the convening of the General Assembly my thoughts naturally turn to the Big Council of the Big Church. I know Dr. Swearingen has preached a Big Sermon and that they have chosen a big man to succeed him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all; but after all I breathe a sigh of deep content that I am here in this dear old town in my old room of twenty years standing, in the house I built in 1907 and preaching in the church I erected in 1904.

I shall not attempt a report in this letter; that will be made when I get back to Juneau. I am sending now an outline of my proposed movements during the coming summer and fall, which of course will be subject to modification by circumstances and the Board's directions. You will have understood before this why I could not regard your command and request to come into the Interior. Neither you nor I knew that Scherer was to be Commissioner to the Assembly instead of Marple; and you did not know that I could get a free pass on the Govt R.R. My expenses account for May will be less than ten dollars, and I shall be doing work here that very much needs

to be done and that I only can do.

My Daughter Cecile writes me of unexpected delays in her exit-preventing her reaching Juneau before the middle of July. This will fit in to my proposed plan:

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May 31 Start south, stopping at Nenana.
June 4 - Preach at Nenana - Take train for Anchorage
" 7-17 - At Anchorage, Matanuska, etc.
" 18 - Dedicate new church at Seward.
" 19-30 - To Juneau
July 1-20 - To meeting of Synod of Washington and return with my family to Juneau by motor-schooner.
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My movements next winter will be as the Board may direct. This, however, may be borne in mind: My term as Commissioner to General Assembly will expire in 1923. The Board may think it advisable to have me go East some months for service to Assembly, to employ in H. M. campaigns. That shall be as you wish.

Mr. Marple desires to take his vacation in the fall and winter of 1923-4, attending the Assembly of 1924. It is more than probable that I shall desire to spend a large part of the summer and fall of 1923 in the Interior and the Far Northwest.

Please let me know what you think of this matter.

Most cordially,

S. Hall Young

Fairbanks, Alaska May 18, 1922

Dear Miss Coffell:

I have no typewriter here and no money to hire my typewriting done.

Will you kindly have the enclosed pencilled letter typewritten for Dr. Marquis, and send a carbon copy to me at Juneau for my files.

With love to all in the Office,

Yours sincerely,

S. H. Hallgoung.

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(signed) S. HALL YOUNG.

OLDTIMER RECEIVES

Dr. S. Hall Young, the veteran Clergyman who has been in Alaska since Alaska was a pup, will be the guest of honor at a reception given this evening at the George C. Thomas Memorial Library by the Ladies of Our Town, and all the old roughnecks and all the sweet girl graduates are due to be there and tell the Doctor that they are glad he is with us again.

For, you know, it is a kind of a relief to have an oldtimer like Dr. Young as the only Sky Pilot in Our Town this side of the Big Bridge. A feller sort o' feels that if he needs or hopes for any protection here or hereafter he has a better gambler's chance with the Oldtimer than he would have with one of those younger fellers who doesn't speak our dialect and may act intollerant-like of our set and benighted ways. Fellers who have traveled the Trails and Skelped the Rises and waded thru nigger-heads as the Doctor has, and who are about to go out on the Long Trail and prove to their own satisfaction that the religious "dope" they have handed out thruout a lifetime is RIGHT—a roughneck likes to trail behind fellers like that.

So, turn out tonight and shake hands with an Oldtimer who is here because he's here, and whom everyone is glad is here, for any old reason whatsoever.

The northbound train, due here this evening, reported out of McKinley Park Station on time this morning, with sixty-five passengers, aproximately forty of whom are for Fairbanks. The Northwestern's passengers and mail are due on this train.

RECEPTION IS TONIGHT

A reception will be given in honor of the Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D., at George C. Thomas Memorial Library Thursday evening, May 18, between the hours of 8 and 11. Everyone, old friends and new and the geneal public, is invited to attend. 2t

Placer mining claim Number Four (4) above on Eva Creek; all of said Quartz and Placer mining claims above described being situate on Eva Creek, which is a tributary of California Creek, which is a tributary of the Totatlanika River, in the Mining and Recording District aformentioned, and that I will, accordingly, offer said real estate for sale, at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1922, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., at the Front Door of the United States Court House at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dated, Fairbanks, Alaska, April, 26th, A. D. 1922.

G. B. STEVENS
U. S. Marshal Fourth Division, District of Alaska.

By JOHN J. BUCKLEY
Deputy

R. F. ROTH
Plaintiff's Attorney

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Townsite Trustee,
Fairbanks, Alaska, May 1, 1922.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Trustee for the Town site of Fairbanks, Alaska, that he will sell at the Town Hall in the Town of Fairbanks, Alaska, on June 15, 1922, at one o'clock P. M., (and succeeding days until all lots have been offerred) at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, all lots and tracts for which no satisfactory application has been filed, and all lots and tracts claimed and awarded on which the assessments have not been paid at the date of such sale, all in accordance with Paragraph 11, page 18, of General Land Office Circular No. 491.

List of Unclaimed Lots and Tracts.

Lots 1, 3, 5, BLOCK 1; Lots 3, 5, 12, 14, 16, BLOCK 2; Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, BLOCK 3; Lots 1, 5, 6, BLOCK 5; Lots

June 7, 1922.

Dr. S. Hall Young,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

As you know by this time our Dr. C. O. Hays has been made Moderator of the General Assembly and he is thinking of visiting Alaska this summer, and in case he does he will go immediately after the meeting of the synod of Washington. I hope you will give him a good welcome there and have him meet as many of the missionaries as possible. I have urged him to go to Hotlakatla and see the situation there. I hope you can arrange to personally conduct him while he is in your domain.

Hastily but truly yours,

JAMES

June 20, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

Following the recommendation of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska, the Board has made grants in Alaska Presbytery in accordance with the enclosed statement.

I also enclose a statement of grants made in the Presbytery of Yukon.

Verysincerely yours,

Enclosures-
JD/I.

June 15, 1922.

Grants in Alaska Presbytery for 1922 - 23

Field	Missionary	Mos.	Amount	
Haines	Rev. C. G. Denton	12 mos.-4/1/22	$1,435.	
Skagway	" E. L. Winterberger	" "	785.	
Hoonah	" George J. Beck	" "	1,385.	
Kake	" J. R. Fitzgerald	" "	1,385.	
Sitka	" R. A. Buchanan	" "	985.	
Juneau-Native	" David Waggoner	" "	1,485.	
Wrangell	" Robert J. Diven, D.D.	" "	1,085.	
Ketchikan	" Fred R. Falconer	" "	1,485.	
Matlakatla	" Edward Marsden	" "	1,385.	
Bayview	" E. E. Bromley	" "	1,385.	$12,800.
Hydaburg	John S. Brown-Lay Miss'y.	" "	900.	
Kasaan	Samuel G. Davis-Lay "	" "	900.	
Klukwan	---------- " "	" "	500.	2,300.
Boats and Travel:	Lois		600.	
	Ferry-Juneau		100.	
	Ketchikan		192.	892.
Presbytery Meeting:	Expenses		175.	175.
Miscellaneous:	Repairs - Haines Manse		50.	
	Emergency		150.	200.
	Legal Expense and Insurance		150.	
	Vacation Expenses - E. E. Bromley		500.	
	" " - F. R. Falconer		300.	
	Travel of Missionaries in and out		1,000.	1,950.
		Total - - - - - - -		$18,317.

Grants in Yukon Presbytery for 1922 - 23

Field	Missionary	Mos.	Amount	
Anchorage	Rev. W. S. Marple	12 mos.-4/1/22	$1,400.	
Cordova	" R. S. Nickerson	" "	1,280.	
Fairbanks	" F. G. Scherer	" "	1,400.	$4,080.
Miscellaneous:	Legal Expenses and Insurance		$150.	
Presbytery Meeting:	Expenses		100.	250.
				4,330.

Barrow Hospital and Mission:

Physician	Rev. H. W. Greist, M.D.	12 mos.-4/1/22	2,000.	
Nurse	Miss Florence Dakin	" "	900.	
Ass't. Nurse	Miss Augusta Mueller	9-1/2 mos.-6/15/22	593.75)	
	" " "	Exps. to field	600.)	
Food, Surgical Instruments, Medicines, Church, Manse and Hospital Supplies			3,500.	
Coal from Seattle		$750.		
" " Wainwright		708.		
Freight on Coal		3,000.		
" on all other supplies		900.		
1/2 of note for coal		3,125.	8,483.	
Repairs, etc.		300.		
Labor		1,000.	1,300.	17,376.75

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Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D. - General Missionary -	salary	3,000.	
(Charged one-half to each Presbytery)	Trav. Exps., Office and Incidental Exps.	500.	3,500.

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Total Grants -	Alaska Presbytery	$18,317.
	Yukon "	4,330.
	Barrow Hospital & Mission	17,376.75
	General Missionary	3,500.

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June 22, 1922.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D. LL D.,
156-5th . Ave., New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I have just returned from my long trip to the Northwest. I have written you from time to time from Cordova, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. I have not received as yet, all the letters from the Board and from my daughter that were forwarded to me. They will return here, I presume, on the boats of next week.

I shall defer my reports until next week, sending them by the next mail south. I shall also try to write the articles needed by your Board and the Womens' Board.

I can only say now that this trip that I have just taken has been one of the most enjoyable and fruitful of all my life. Interior Alaska is coming back strongly and I think to stay. I spent two whole days traveling by automobile among the farms in the region of Fairbanks, covering about 75 miles those two days, and visiting dozens of farms. I shall describe my trips to the agricultural region in an article very shortly, but these few facts I gleaned;

First; twice the wheat acreage is put in this year than that of any other year. Large fields of potatoes, barley, oats, and rye are also planted.

Second; wheat and the other grains have been raised in the Tanana Valley every year for over 15 years and there has never been even a partial failure in the crop. Farming is now the principal occupation of the people in the Tanana Valley, and now that the railroad has been completed, there will be an easy market for all farm products.

Third; The grist mill at Fairbanks is in good condition, and next winter it is expected that all Interior Alaska will be supplied with flour from Fairbanks. Also all the potatoes, vegetables, oats, barley and rye needed will be produced there, as well as eggs and poultry.

Many of the gold mines that were shut down have been re-opened and new mines developed.

Our church at Fairbanks is more prosperous than for a number of years past. I ordained three elders, received three new members, and there are quite a number to take the same step when Mr. Scherer arrives. The Ladies Aid and Missionary Societies are large and active and a good spirit in the town. The members of the Presbyterian Church are now engaged in papering and painting the church and it will be thoroughly renovated by the time Mr. Scherer gets there. He was here a few days ago, just after I arrived, and we had a good, though brief visit together.

I still hope that the Board will join with the Sunday School Board and commission Mr. Williams, whom we ordained as Local Evangelist, to do work at Nenana and along the line of the railroad. The estimated budget of the Board granted Anchorage $1400 while it only asks for $800. Mr. Williams offers to do a whole year's evangelical work for $2000, and to raise half of that on the field. The salvage at Anchorage of $600, would leave only $400 for the Board to raise other than it has put on its budget. Mr. Marple is willing to be responsible for this $400, as he has an

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unexpected sum available which he can use for this purpose. The emergency fund granted to the Presbytery of the Yukon might be placed back of this enterprise by the Board, and thus the needed work done along the line of the railroad. I hope the Board will promptly sanction this enterprise.

I expected to dedicate the church at Cordova last Sabbath, but Mr. Nickerson was not ready and, therefore, we have put off the dedication until next fall. By that time all the money necessary will have been raised. We expect to have the next meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon the middle of October at Fairbanks, and I can stop at Cordova for the dedication services. It is proposed to make a school house for the Indians out of our old church at Cordova, with Mrs. Nickerson as teacher. I am to bring this project before Mr. Lopp immediately. If this arrangement is made, we will add to our mission cares, 150 Indians, who are now without any church services or school. The Methodists do not reach so far east as Cordova. I wish that Mr. Banks could so extend his time as to visit Cordova, Anchorage, Nenana, and Fairbanks, as there are important questions to be settled that concern the property and advancement of our missions at all these places.

I spent one Sunday at Nenana. This town is filling up with laborers who will be employed for six months to come in building the $2,000,000. bridge across the Tanana River. We are taking measures looking towards the creating of a Y.M.C.A. in our church at Nenana, with library, social hall, etc. We hope to have services every Sunday in the church.

I expect to start June 30 to the meeting of Synod at Tacoma. I hope to meet Mr. Banks and his wife there, and I also hope that Lassie and her children will be at Seattle in time to return with me. I shall do all I can to persuade Mr. Banks to see as much of Alaska as possible, and especially to visit all of the towns and missions where we have property questions to settle. Mr. Beck will have the Lois here when Mr. Banks arrives at Juneau, and we will go as far west as Sitka, and at least as far north as Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck and Mr. Penfield were here when I arrived. Mr. P. is a splendid young man and Beck says that he is taking right hold of the work and that no one could do better. It was very unfortunate that the thirty rolls of films for our moving picture machine were refused by the Board when Mr. Penfield had secured them. His father and others were prepared to pay for them, and we here would have gladly born the expense rather than to have missed their benefit. Four reels have just arrived, however, and we hope that the others will also come, but a month's time has been lost so far as the moving pictures are concerned.

I am feeling very well indeed, never better in all my life. This trip to my old stamping grounds has rejuvenated me and I am keen for work.

I am just beginning to read the proceedings of the General Assembly. You had a great time, and I hope to be with you for another great time next spring. I shall write you more at length next mail.

With warm regards, yours as always,

S. Hall Young

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REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Aug.17,1922.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon;

When we got back to Juneau on the Lois we spent three days in holding executive council on the problems of the various missions. This letter conveys our conclusions concerning Kake. After Mr. Banks had gone Dr. Bruce, Mr. Waggoner and myself spent two or three days in confirming and putting in shape the dicisions we had arrived at.

First let me say that Mr. Banks agreed fully with the plan I have b[illegible] been urging of having the officers of the Presbytery relieve the General Missionary of financial details that properly belong to them and not to him. And he also agreed with my position that the officers of the Presbytery ought to take the initiative in procuring and dismissing missionaries. We are acting upon this plan and in our little executive council we take up each case and discuss and act upon it as a council.

Now in regard to Kake, we are all agreed (and when I say we I include Mr. Banks, Mr. Beck and young Mr. Penfield as well as our three at Juneau) that it is worse than useless to keep Mr. Fitzgerald longer at Kake. He has been a conspicuous failure. He has not set the right example to the natives in personal cleanliness, industry or the conduct of his mission. Instead of advancing Kake mission has been retrograding. Mr. Fitzgerald is not on good terms with the Government school authorities or with the natives. All classes acquainted with the conditions there advise his removal. Mr. Banks, when he learned, partly from outsiders, the condition of affairs there said emphatically that Mr. Fitzgerald ought not to return.

Now while we have taken the responsibility of this action we believe that your office should notify Mr. Fitzgerald that he should not take the trouble of returning to Kake, but that his salary will be continued until November first by which time he should be able to find work else where. He has himself expressed a desire to find other work.

In notifying him I think that you should point out that as it will be impossible for him to remain longer than next spring in all events, it would be much better for him and for the Board that he should place a price on his furniture and belongings , having the store keeper at Kake, or some one of the missionaries box up and send to him the articles he wishes to remove.

Now in regard to the future of Kake, we have earnestly discussed this subject and have arrived at the conclusion that a white minister should be sought for at once , rather than to rely on one of our half educated natives. Our choice has fallen upon young Mr. Story- Rev. H.H.Story, of Grimes Cal.- the son of Dr. Story, and the young man who Dr. Marquis promised should be the first choice of a missionary for Hydaburg. I am writing to him and asking him whether he would be willing to take up this work at Kake with a view of continuing there or going to the West Coast as he and we should decide.

The expenses of this arrangement will be made from the budget, the moving expenses coming out of the $1000 designated for that purpose.

No time should be lost in notifying Mr. Fitzgerald of our dicision and it would not do any harm for you to write Mr. Story along the line indicated.

I shall take up the other missions in seperate letters so as not to confuse the action of your Executive Council.

Very cordially,

S. Hall Young

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Dr. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon;

I send to you herewith an article on the visits of Drs. Hays, and Hibben and Mr. Banks which I hope you will have published at once in the Presbyterian Magazine of the Continent or both- wherever it will do the most good.

I may say toyou what I could not say outright in the article, that Pres. Hibben said before he left that he would endeavor immediately to raise $20,000.00 for mission boats in Southeastern Alaska . Our plan is to build a larger boat than the Lois to be called the Princeton, which will be Mr. Beck's boat for the northern part of the Archipelago. The Diesel engine of strong power will be installed in this boat. Then we will finish the hull of our boat at Kake and put in it the present engine of the Lois, and this will be placed at the disposal of our missionary at Kake.

Then we will put a Diesel engine in the Lois and send her to the West Coast for use at Bayview, Hydaburg, Craig, Tokeen,etc.

Dr. Hibben expressed his determination to raise the money for these boats,and Mrs. Hibben said "My husband always gets what he goes after." He asked me to arrange for a meeting as soon as possible at Princeton between young Mr. Penfield, himself and you. Penfield will be going East about Aug.22 and I hope that you will be able to have this conference without delay. Dr. Hibben and also Mr. Banks are intensely interested in this vital project,and Dr. Hibben will arrange for the maintainance of these boats as well as for the building.

In addition Dr. Hays got very much interested in Marsden's boat which is lying on the beach at Metlakatla. It has been out of commission more than two years. Marsden and the Metlakatla Church need that boat very much in their work. It will take $500.00 to repairand put it in commission. Dr. Hays is going to try to raise this amount and he is also committed to an endeavor to secure funds for a pipe organ to be installed in the church.

Mr. Banks did us a wonderful lot of good. We feel as if we never knew or understood him before and he says the same in regard to us and Alaska. Not onl did he take all of our plans and suggestions kindly and sympathetically but he exceded us in taking the initiative and suggesting things

that needed to be done. He announced his intention of procuring a pair of cast iron pants before his coming interview with the Board in order that he may endure their spankings with less discomfort.

We hope these three men will capture you all anew for progress in Alaska.

Most warmly,

S Hall Young

August 21, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Brother:

I am enclosing a letter which has just come to the office for you.

We are almost asleep here, for the live, active and responsible men of the Board of Home Missions are in different places. Dr. Marquis is in Europe. You have been hobnobbing with the Treasurer of the Board, and where the other big fellows are I do not know. I presume, however, they will get back here some time during September.

Dr. King has not yet begun an active campaign to raise the debt. It stands at the present time at $750,000, although I think Dr. King's plan is to attempt to raise only the net debt at the close of the last fiscal year.

I congratulate you and the brethren of Alaska upon what might not improperly be called the "conversion" of Mr. Banks to the prospects and needs and coming glory of Alaska. Whether "conversion" or not is the proper word, Alaska will have a friend at court when Mr. Banks returns.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

JD:ES

August 30, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:

I have received a telegram from Mr. H. R. Story stating that he had received a letter from you regarding a vacancy at Kake and asking if he (Story) would consider it, to which he replied in the affirmative. This morning a letter from Mr. Story reaches me, enclosing one addressed to me from you and dated August 17th. I know not whether it was misdirected or whether you sent it to Mr. Story with the expectation that he would read it and forward it.

As you know Dr. Marquis is in Europe and the Executive Council is vacationing. Just how soon a meeting of the Council can be had I do not know, and I am just as ignorant as to whether or not they would care to settle the matter of Mr. Fitzgerald without the presence of Dr. Marquis.

Simply expressing my personal opinion, which is of no authority and of little worth, I am inclined to say that I think the Board would be most willing to have the Presbytery of Alaska take full responsibility for the calling, installation and dismissal of its ministers. This is the constitutional right of the Presbytery. I take it, however, that if the Presbytery claims and exercises its constitutional right it may not with any propriety or fairness expect the Board of Home Missions to notify any missionary that the Presbytery is through with him. That notification should be made by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to the minister. Further, I am inclined to the opinion that the Presbytery is in duty bound not only to give Mr. Fitzgerald full notice of his dismissal, but also that the Presbytery should give him ample opportunity to meet the charges preferred against him and upon the basis of which the Presbytery might dismiss him. You know it is not the Presbyterian way to first behead a man and then try him.

You will be interested to learn that Mr. Lopp does not approve of the criticism that Mr. Fitzgerald has made concerning the use of the government money in the erection of a building. Whether Mr. Fitzgerald is wise or otherwise in making this criticism, it is apparent that the Presbytery will have to proceed with the utmost caution lest Mr. Fitzgerald and his friends receive the impression that he is being bounced because he exercises the American right of criticising that which he thinks to be wrong in government transactions.

Now, with regard to the money available, if Mr. Fitzgerald is to go sooner or later, and Mr. Story or anybody else sent to take his place, I do not see where it is to come from, but the eyes of somebody else may be clearer and stronger. In the first place the total amount appropriated to Alaska is entirely allocated, with more than $1,000 added, on account of the furnace for yourself and Mr. Wagoner. In the next place the $1,000 set apart for missionaries in and out will not cover the balance which you asked to be paid on account of Mrs. Kleinschmidt's expenses, Mr. Fitzgerald's expenses out and Mr. Story's expenses in I think Mr. Fitzgerald came from Texas, and if so would be entitled to the expenses of himself and family to that place. But all this for the Council to consider.

I am glad to get the good news that you have interested Dr. Hibben and Dr. Hays so much in the matter of boats. I will hold myself in readiness to attend any conference that Dr. Hibben may call providing it is not during the month of September, for during that month I shall be away.

Your article as to "The Three Inspiring Visitors" is so readable—as everything is that you write—that I think it better to send it to The Presbyterian Magazine and will, therefore, ask Dr. Snowden to publish it.

There has just come a bunch of bills from Dr. Diven of Wrangell amounting to $500.29. He says: "The G. M. said to go ahead and do it someway. It is now done." I assume that the next mail from you will bring a recommendation as to how these bills are to be paid.

Cordially yours,

JD:ES

August 30, 1922.

Rev. H. H. Story,
Grimes,
California.

My dear Mr. Story:

I received your telegram to which I have made reply informing you that Dr. Marquis is absent and that none of the Secretaries of the Board are here.

Thank you very much for sending me the letter of Dr. Young, addressed to me and dated August 17th, setting forth the situation at Kake. I hope you have read the letter and if so you will see that Dr. Young brings up a question of ecclesiastical authority and responsibility. This is a matter of such importance that a full meeting of our Executive Council will be necessary to consider it. Further, I think it probable that our Council will advise Dr. Young that before Mr. Fitzgerald is disposed of he should have not only ample notice, but also a full opportunity to be heard in his own defence. I simply mention these things to show you how impossible it is for the office as it is now unmanned to decide this question. I regret that you are to be inconvenienced by this, but I do not know how to avoid it.

Trusting that you and the Board of Home Missions may be wisely guided, I am, with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

JD:HS

September 1, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:

I am enclosing a letter from the Rev. Scott I. Wallace of Seattle, in which he desires to know about Alaskan fields. I am also enclosing a copy of my reply to him. Will you take the matter up with the Committee of Presbytery so that you or Dr. Bruce may make suitable reply to Mr. Wallace?

I have your letter of August 23rd enclosing the estimate of the Presbytery of Alaska for the next fiscal year. I will turn it over to Mr. Morse, who has been appointed by the Executive Council as the committee to assemble all the estimates.

Would it not be fine if the new Board of National Missions would spread its wings so perfectly over Alaska that every needy spot in that vast region would be adequately supplied with the Gospel?

Cordially yours,

John Dixon

JD:ES

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Sept.25, 1922.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D. ,LL,D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis;

This letter concerns my plans in general for the remainder of the year with a birds eye view of the situation in Alaska.

Altho I received no special word from you tothat effect, from what Mr. Banks told me when here I know that the Board has adopted my recommendations and plan for reconstruction almost entire. The Presbytery of Alaska and its officers have been granted the same rights as obtained in other Presbyteries. ~~I write~~ of decision as to the employment and dismissal of ministers and the general management of the fieldhas been put in the hands of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, the Stated Clerk and other Presbyterial Officers, instead of the General Missionary; thus relieving him of a mass of financial and technical work and ~~relieving~~ releasing him for the true work of the office. The Indian workers and all the Home Missionaries of the Presbytery report to the officers of the Presbytery instead of to me, duplicates of reports coming, however, to my files. There is the closest cooperation and confidence between the officers of the Presbytery and the General Missionary as the agent of the Board. We consult together in everything and thus are enabled to get results that could not be obtained before. One important consequence of this adjustment is that I shall not have to spend so much time in my office as my predecessor did, and shall be freerer to go to any part of my great field that needs my presence.

One important part of the plan is not yet consumated, altho Mr. Banks assured me that it would be ordered; that is the appointment of local committees to act with the General Missionary in managing the finances of the several missions, disposing of properties, etc. Mr. Banks said that he would recommend that I be made the Board's attorney in fact and agent instead of Dr. Condit, to conduct the legal business of the Board and of the missions. Acting on his advice I have already employed Judge James Wickersham, the ablest lawyer in the Territory, who has agreed to manage our legal matters with very little expense to the Board.

Mr. Banks has a list of the various local committees who are to act with me. The Board should act definitely on the following point: that any moneys received from the sale of mission property are to be applied to the advantage of the missions in questionand not put into the general fund of the Board.

One or two other general measures, such as including the furnishing of the manses of the missionaries and also providing the necessary boats Mr. Banks agreed to take up in person with the Board. All of these policies as well as the needs of the individual missions were discussed very frankly and fully between Mr. Banks, the Officers of the Presbytery and myself.

Now in regard to my plans; - I start Oct.3 to Anchorage and Fairbanks. The Presbytery of Yukon is called at Fairbanks Oct. 11. The whole business for the coming year will be transacted at the meeting and a Commissioner elected to the Assembly of 1923. I expect to be the Commissioner. I have sent Dr. Dixon for the use of Mr. Morse and the Board a tentative budget for the next fiscal year. On my return from this coming meeting of the Yukon Presbytery I shall be able to give more definitely our plans and needs in that Presbytery.

We have recommended that Rev. H.H.Story be appointed to Kake in Mr. Fitsgerald's place, his commission to date Dec. 1st in order that Mr. Fitzgerald may have time to look about for a new place. I have written Mr. Story asking him, if possible, to come to Alaska the first of Nov. and to make the journey with me to Bayview and Hydaburg. I expect to spend the whole of Nov. and, if necessary, a week or two of Dec. in visiting the missions of the West Coast and also Kasaan, Metlakatla and Ketchikan, and in installing Mr. Story and his family at Kake. There are matters in these missions that need my personal presence.

It is probable that some time in Dec. I shall go with the Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska to Angoon and organize the church there.

Mr. Winterberger is to leave Skagway the first of Feb. We shall use all diligence to find a worthy successor to this strong man to come to the field before Mr. Winterberger leaves, but if we do not succeed and I am not called East, I shall go to Skagway and take charge of this church until we can find a good man to fill the pulpit. This pulpit must not be vacant for a single sabbath. The church is in such fine condition just now and the people so attached to Mr. Winterberger and the Presbyterian Church, that no hole must be left in which to insert the lever of division by another denomination.

I have written to Mr. Keeler, of Seattle, asking him to find a place in his diocese for Mr. Claude Denton, of Haines, and Mr. Keeler has promptly responded evincing his eagerness to help solve our problems. Mr. Denton has been an efficient and acceptable minister to churches in Iowa and Illinois but is a failure as a missionary to the natives and whites at Haines. If we can quietly transfer him, without any friction and heart burning it will be well. Mr. Keeler is suggesting a good man for Haines.

Of our great plans concerning the three boats Mr. Banks has told you and I have also written. Now as I am to attend the meeting of the next General Assembly, if you wish me to join in the general campaign for funds in the East for two or three months previous to the meeting of the General Assembly I shall be free to do so. Whether I consent to be nominated again for the Moderatorship will depend largely upon the

Ecclesiastical situation and the advice of my friends. But whether I shall or not I shall have the situation here in Alaska in such that I shall not need to attend the meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska in April and there will be no spring meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon.

Should I go East for the Campaign, I should expect to prepare for the Board and f r my own use two or three new lantern lectures on Alaska and to promote such special Alaskan enterprizes as the Board may approve of and the field demand.

It is certain that two or three paper pulp mills will be putting up plants next year and that there will be more activity in mining and fishing than for the last few years in Southeastern Alaska. We must not let down on our work here, altho it is not probable that there will be more than one or two missions, if any, established in this Archipelago.

But the rest of the Territory has brighter prospects than for many years . The Standard Oil Co. and another big oil company have a appropriated $6,000,000 to put down wells in the Cold Bay region south of Mt. Katmai. Many people have already gone to that region and it seems certain that there will be a big oil stampede and one or more good towns spring up next summer. I shall be at the very beginning of the new towns and establish our work and retain the position that our Church has always held in Alaska. Then the work along the line of the Government R.R. should not be given up. The first failure of the wheat crop in the Tanana Valley since they began to grow wheat fifteen years ago is recorded for this summer. It has retarded agriculturial activities but not discouraged the farmers to any great extent. There will be a larger acreage sown in wheat than ever before. Our Church at Nenana must be looked after and a pioneer missionnary placed on that field.

Then that great neglected and appealing Northwest and West, Wales, St. Lawrence, Nunivak, Bristal Bay, Iliamna; there we must not longer shirk our responsibility towards those poor people. I must go there and I must be free to make appeals among the Churches that will do something towards saving these forlorn and perishing people whom we and the other Christians have deliberatly given over to Satan.

Of course, if I should be Moderator I shall expect to do the large and general work of promotion, lecturing, attending conventions and general counciling that falls to the lot of any Moderator. If I am not made Moderator I should visit that Southwest region next summer and possibly go to Point Barrow. I feel the best and am healthiest and strongest when I am roughing it the hardest, so that you do not need to feel any misgivings on that score.

Please let me know what you think of these general plans.

Since our new furnace is installed we are comfortable, altho the house is small and not very convenient. My daughter has her hands full but is rising to the occasion as usual. The children are at school and doing well.

I hope that I will be reappointed as General Missionary and I do not think it is too much to ask that I be given the same salary granted last fall, that is $3,000 and the manse. I am still in debt on account of the extraordinary expense of two seperate establishments, my daughters legal expenses and the necessity of providing furniture etc., for a new house. I acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of the Board in purchasing the furniture from Dr. Condit , in repairing the house and installing a new furnace, but please remember that I am doing not only the work that Dr. Condit did but also to a great extent the work that I did in the office. My family and I need the full salary.

One more suggestion;- Last spring you asked me for articles about the places needing missionaries. I wrote with some care three articles for publication concerning Wales, Hydaburg and the proposed school for native missionaries. After long delay Mr. Morse wrote that after consultation with you the Committee had decided not to publish the articles. At least two of these would have done no harm and would have resulted in much good. Then Mr. Eastman asked me to write a booklet of some striking phase of our Alaska work. I wrote an article entitled "That Alaska Missionary" descriptive of Mr. Beck and his work in the Lois. Mr. Eastman pronounced it "delightful" and our ministers here were very anxious to have it published. Had I received a supply of these booklets I believe it would have resulted in thousands of dollars of help from the tourists this summer, for many Presbyterian tourists asked for such literature and evinced their willingness to help our missions. Not until very lately did I learn from Mr. Eastman that the Committee had cut out all such publications. I cannot understand such action on the part of the Board - cutting out all advertising just when the Church needed to be stirred up to the help of the Board.

Now I am ready and will soon have more leasure to write any number of telling articles or leaflets about Alaska but I do not wish to throw away my time and labor. I wish to be sure that what I write will be published.

I shall write again soon concerning our plans for the education of the native ministry. We have by no means given up these plans.

With love to all in the office I am

Most sincerely;

S. H. Hall Young

October 9, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

I am writing now to mention just one point and to ask your advice on it, reserving until I get a little breathing spell from synods the matters mentioned in your letters.

I enclose a copy of a letter received from the school teacher at Cape Prince of Wales. Do you know anything about it? It might be a good plan, if he is the right sort of man, to accept his suggestion, although we will have no opportunity to get any food to him until next summer. I am also writing to Mr. Lopp about him, so you need not communicate with him.

We are having a strenuous time now trying to raise our debt and we are all hard at it.

With warm regards, I am

Hastily yours,

JAM:ES

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Juneau, Alaska,
October 21, 1922

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:--

Ypurs of October 9th concerning the teacher at Cape Prince of Wales demands attention. I do not know anything about this Mr. Nylin but like his letter and believe he should receive encouragement. If I understand Mr. Nylin right he would use any compensation that he might receive from our Board in procuring food supplies for the needy natives at Wales, Now here is a plan that might be put into immediate operation, and afford these people relief.

If you have any salvage from the Point Barrow appropriation you can procure all the supplies needed at Teller, which is only about 60 or 70 miles from Wales. The store keeper at Teller, Teddy Winfield, is a warm friend of mine, and the mention of my name to him with your authority would secure prompt attention.

It is now too late to get any letters to Wales or to Nome by water, but the mails will be going regularly from now on by dog team. There is wireless communication with Nome all the time, and there used to be, and I think is still, a telephone between Nome and Tellaer, 90 miles.

I doubt whether there is any shortage of native food supplies at Wales. They can find seals at that point during the whole winter, as the current is so rapid through the strait that there are open places all the time where the seals resort. Then the largest reindeer herds in the Territory are around the Cape, and all along both shores.

However it is well to give Mr. Nylin a supplementary salary, if you can afford it, and a temporary commission to look after our mission there. Please have him report to you or to me the condition of the buildings, the health of the natives, number in attendance, etc. etc. Being a Norwegian he is evidently either a Lutheran or a Swedish Evangelical. The Scandinavians make good and faithful missionaries.

I hope we will be able to find a missionary physician to go to Wales. I think that I ought to go to that point and to Pt Barrow, and possibly St. Lawrence Island, Nunivak and Bristol Bay, next summer that is if I am not compelled to go to some big oil strike.

Very cordially yours,

S Hall Young

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTH AND CUSHMAN
FREDERIC G. SCHERER, MINISTER
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

October 31, 1922.

Rev. W. S. Marquis, D.D.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I feel as though you may be interested to know that Yukon Presbytery met in Fairbanks the 18th and 19th of this month. Dr. Young was unable to be present and a letter from him was read, in which it was stated that he expected to be Commissioner to the Assembly and possibly make a try for Moderator-ship of that august body. In view of the conversation that I had with you in Des Moines and further discussion with Moderator Dr. Hays, I advised that we delegate Mr. Marple in his regular turn. Then, too, it seems that Mr. Marple will take his furlough next year and we thought to relieve the Board of such expense as we might through diverting his expense account from the Home Board to the Assembly fund. We did, however, elect Dr. Young as alternate, so that we could correct our action if we were mistaken.

There is another feature that we also seemed compelled to consider. Mr. Marple indicated that he would not return to Anchorage after his furlough. He has been a long time in the ministry and has not attended an Assembly. We thought the privilege was due him. We are sure, however, that he is amenable to any recommendation that might come from the Home Board office. On the other hand, if it is wise to save Dr. Young's strength for affairs other than those incident to becoming Moderator of the Assembly, then we have opened the way for that.

I am sure you understand that we do not wish to deprive Dr. Young the fulfillment of any of his ambitions--unless there is unanimity of wisdom to that effect.

Very truly yours,

Fred G. Scherer

November 21, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

We are preparing a list of new workers that we will need for the next church year beginning April 1, 1923. Will you send me a list of the places for which you need men and the kind of men you want at your early convenience?

Please do not take this letter as indicating that we will be able to give you the men you want, but we want to list them so that we may be ready to do the best we can for you and the empire of Alaska.

We are all out most of the time now hustling to raise the heavy debt that is resting on us, and wish you were here to help.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully, but hastily yours,

JAM:ES

November 25th, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, DD.,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Young:

A letter recently received from Rev. Fred G. Scherer of Fairbanks, addressed to our Dr. Marquis, reports the election of Rev. Wallace Marple as Commissioner to the Assembly of 1923, which election has the advantage of enabling Mr. Marple to take his furlough due next year at the expense of the General Assembly's fund rather than at the expense of the Board. It is further intimated that Mr. Marple would not return to Anchorage after his furlough.

Have you had any communications from Mr. Marple which would lead you to assume that Mr. Marple expects to lay down his work at Anchorage next year.

Very sincerely yours,

VB MG [illegible] Treasurer

December 15, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:

I have been so busy trying to raise our debt that I have been very little in the office this Fall. This will account for not replying to you as frequently as you desire. I will take up your points one by one:

1. Address the correspondence that you formerly sent to Dr. Dixon to me. I will represent the Board in Alaskan matters until the reorganization takes place.

2. We have not made any arrangements for you to come East this winter, or early spring, to engage in the campaign for funds for the Board. The New Era arrangements are to take entire charge of the solicitation of funds for next year. In another month our efforts for the debt will be over, whether successful or not. Besides this my own feeling is that we ought not to subject you to the hardship of so long a journey as from Juneau to the East and back again. You have a big job on your hands which will require your presence in Alaska as much as possible.

3. In regard to your trip to Point Barrow, Wales, St. Lawrence, etc., we do not think you ought to take this trip next summer for two reasons. One is, Dr. Condit was there a little more than a year ago. The second is, we cannot as yet make out any program for occupying those fields until after the reorganization. When the reorganization is effected it is probable that the Woman's Board, or the Woman's Department of the new Board, will take over the work at Point Barrow and probably also at Cape Prince of Wales.

4. Our applicants for work in Alaska are as yet limited. Mr. Eastman's department says they sent to you blanks some time ago for you to fill out indicating the number and kind of men you want. They complain that they have had no reply from you as yet on this question. Please fill the blanks out and get them to me as soon as possible stating the field, the salary, the character of the work and the quality of the men you need. We will then do our best to hunt them up for you. As to the situation at Sitka, it is rather anamalous, and I have been in conference with the Woman's Board to see if we can work out a plan by which the administration of that entire field can be tied up to the school, or at least put under one head.

5. Do not make any plans for starting a seminary or training school this coming year in Juneau. The new Board will probably want to have its own ideas about that, and our policy has been, in view of the fact that the old Home Board will go out of existence at the next General Assembly, not to start any new projects prior to that time.

6. We are advertising for a physician and his wife at Wales, and in response to the request of Dr. Greist, for a nurse at Wainwright.

7. Dr. Stevens of Los Angeles has written me again about taking an excursion of 100 or 150 people to Alaska this summer. You will recall that a year ago when he proposed this that we felt doubtful of it because the situation among our missions might not be such as to impress people very strongly. I have written him this year that your presence there would make it safe for such an excursion to take place. Mr. Banks says that when President Hibben of Princeton went to Alaska he was very favorably impressed with the work until he got hold of some of the missionaries who showed him how the Indians were away at the fishing ground during the summer and gave him a real insight into the work. If Dr. Stevens succeeds this year in getting up an excursion I hope you will hold yourself in readiness to be its guide in Alaska and to see that the people he takes there get the most favorable view of our work, and that a good impression is created. I would suggest that you get into correspondence with Dr. Paul G. Stevens, 404 Columbia Building, Los Angeles, California at an early date.

Praying every blessing upon you and wishing you the sincerest blessings of the season, I am

As ever, yours,

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REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Jan. 15, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis;-

This letter concerns the proposed Presbyterian excursion. I have written two letters to Rev. Paul G. Stevens and others to Agents of the Steamship Lines and am ready to act as conductor of the excursion. I have not yet received full instructions as to the extent of the route, time of the excursion, etc. I shall keep in touch with them and do all in my power to make the excursion a grand success. If it goes through I hope that you and a lot of the others of 156 Fifth Ave. will be aboard the steamer. Why can't you bring all your lady clerks, your Executive Council and the Board with you and hold meetings as you come? I will fill you so full of Alaska that you will seriously consider selling 156 and establishing your main office at Juneau.

I do not see why this excursion should not be the best that has yet been attempted.

There are rumors of many excursions the coming summer, among them a visit of President Harding. I am ready for suggestions as to daily lectures, preparation of literature, etc.

Faithfully yours,

S. Hall Young

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Recommend transfer

Juneau, Alaska,
January 25, 1923.

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Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D. LL.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

This letter concerns Mr. Nickerson. In a letter I wrote him January 16th I suggested that he and his wife go as missionaries to the Esquimaux. He had previously written me of his interest in St Lawrence Island and Wales and of a conversation he had had with Mr. Lopp in which the latter suggested that he make to trip to the far west and northwest in the school boat. Mr. Lopp had said that he would be glad to appoint the wife of any missionary to St. Lawrence or Wales as school teacher with a salary.

I have just received a reply from Mr. Nickerson dated January 19th in which he says:

"It seems as tho the Lord has been leading in regard to our work for the future. In my report to Presbytery I emphasized the need of a man on St. Lawrence Island because of its isolation. Both Marple and Scherer asked me if we would be willing to go to that work and I gave no reply, but since returning home Mrs. Nickerson and I have talked and prayed over the matter till we have decided that if it is the will of the Master we will go to this place or to Prince of Wales. That is if the Board will arrange for our going and Mrs. Nickerson can have the appointment as a government teacher at the same place."

I have replied to Mr. Nickerson today commending his decision, and stating that I would use every effort to get him commissioned to one of these two Eskimo towns.

Will you please take this matter up at once and let me know by wire or letter your decision. I hope that the Board will see fit to send Mr. Nickerson to St. Lawrence Island. I do not know the present condition of our buildings there, or whether the Bureau of Education has carried out the plan mooted a couple of years ago of changing the location of the Eskimo village from the northeast corner of the island to a place nearer its center. You will have to correspond with the Bureau of Education on these questions, and find out just what they will do and what help they would give us in transporting the missionaries and their goods to the Island. I do hope that this point, which you well said "was sinfully abandoned" by us, will be righteously reoccupied. We must go there, however, on a different plan than the one adopted at first, if we are to make a success of that work. We must send a missionary on full salary who is independent of the Bureau of Education. His wife, however, can be appointed teacher with a salary paid by the Bureau of Education. These two salaries will not be more than sufficient to conpensate for the isolation and great expense of living at St. Lawrence.

Mr. Nickerson is a musician and band leader, and if he goes to St. Lawrence I shall try to get him a set of instruments so he can have a brass band. We will also try to secure a wireless station at St. Lawrence so that we can communicate with him. This latter can be accomplished, I think, through the Bureau of Education, the Navy Department and the Weather Bureau.

If the Board feels that it cannot open up the St. Lawrence mission at this time, and if you cannot get a missionary physician for Wales, why not send the Nickersons to that point? I do not know whether they have had any training in medicine or nursing. I have asked them this question. If they have not had such training, perhaps the Bureau of Education would send a trained nurse to one or both of these points. The best plan, of course, if we can carry it out will be to send the Nickersons to St. Lawrence and a good missionary physician to Wales. You and Mr. Banks are in better position to figure out the costs of these missions than I. And you also know whether anyone has offered to go as missionary physician to Wales.

I urge the sending of the Nickersons to the far west for two reasons; First, I believe they will make good missionaries. Their extreme notions on pointsof casuistry, their opposition to movies and other amusements, and their propensity to rub the fur of their parishoners the wrong way would not hinder them in their work among the Eskimos. There are no movies on St. Lawrence, and the Eskimo rather like to be bullied and controlled.

The other reason is that I want to get the Nickersons away from Cordova, I am convinced that their usefulness is at an end there, if indeed it ever began. We must look for a man in Nickerson's place at Cordova who has not only piety but common sense as well.

If Nickersons go to the westward you will, of course, have tosee about revenue cutter, the transportaion of goods, etc. If I am to conduct the Presbyterian excursion in July and August, of course, I could not escort the Nickersons to their new field. Otherwise I think I ought to go with them and get them settled. I might save them from making some serious mistakes.

Please let me know as soon as possible what the Board will do in this important matter.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Hall Young

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION, ALASKA DIVISION

ALASKA NATIVE SCHOOL, MEDICAL, AND REINDEER SERVICE

STATION Wales, Alaska.

Feb. 3 — 1923.

The Presbyterian Mission Board.
Juneau. Alaska.

Gentlemen. —

The people of this village, at a special meeting here in May last, unanamously voted that Arthur Nagozruk shoned have no voice in church matters, of which meeting I am enclosing a copy. Arthur has been discharged from teaching, as postmaster and as mayor of village, on account of immoral conduct, repeatedly, with native girls.

The mission property, under his care, is very much neglected and fast going to ruin. Also the people wonder why a man of his character shoned have anything with the Mission to do. — If you have no one else in mind to care for the Mission property, in Arthur's place, I would gladly take charge of it. I do not like to see it destroyed.

Yours very sincerely,

Erik N. Nylin.

Teacher & Local Superintendent

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BUREAU OF EDUCATION, ALASKA DIVISION

ALASKA NATIVE SCHOOL, MEDICAL, AND REINDEER SERVICE

STATION _____

May 20 – 1922.

Copy.

Cape Prince of Wales
Village Council Special Meeting.

We, the members of the Wales Native Village Council have resolved:

1st. - That we do not want Arnold K. and Arthur Nagazaruk in our Council as members.

2nd. - That we do not want Arthur Nagazaruk to be at the head of our church or to have any say in church matters.

3rd. - That we do not want Arthur Nagazaruk teaching our young children -

4th - That the men interested in the co-operative store appoint a man of good character to look after their interests.

This action has been taken against these men because of their immoral behavior in seducing a young girl, barely eighteen years of age -

Signed:

members of Village Council

Henry Ungongaruk.
Joseph Wolgasotuk.
Mayonna.
Paul Kaingiuzina.
Philip Nunnaruk.

members of Village Council

Louis Ungwenuk.
George Koteenia.
Jesse Paysoot.
David Lokmina.
Mike Kowolok. Axouk -

February 8, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

Your letter of January 25th has just come and I have read very carefully what you say about Mr. Nickerson's transfer to St. Lawrence Island or Cape Prince of Wales. We are very anxious to man both of these stations just as soon as we can get the right kind of a missionary. Our fears about Nickerson are, first, your own representation of his qualifications - or disqualifications. I doubt very much whether the Eskimos would like it to be bullied. At St. Lawrence Island they have for years been accustomed to the presence of school teachers among them, some of whom I happen to know personally and who always treated the natives with courtesy and kindness.

Furthermore, there is more than a possibility that the Bureau of Education has already installed some sort of a movie at Gamble. It is certain that in any event Mr. Nickerson's views as you describe them on amusements and allied subjects would be sure to clash with the representatives of the Bureau of Education which you have always contended would be disastrous to the mission.

Both Cape Prince of Wales and St. Lawrence Island ought to have medical missionaries if they can be secured. We had an applicant for Cape Prince of Wales this week but turned him down very promptly. He is a Russian, a well-educated physician, a graduate of Columbia, but like most Russians so impracticable that he would be more than sure to make a failure of his work. Besides this, he is a devout member of the Russian Orthodox Church but ready to accept the Presbyterian creed which he claims he had read and believes it to be identical in doctrine with the creed of the Russian Church - but the Lord forbid!

Up to date we have had no medical applicants for Cape Prince of Wales and St. Lawrence Island who in our judgment would at all fill the bill.

I believe in the long run it would be better for Nickerson to make his failure at Cordova than at either Cape Prince of Wales or St. Lawrence Island. So far as Cordova is concerned it is up to you and the Presbytery to deal with it.

Mr. Banks and I are working on the other points where you need men and the matters referred to in your last letter.

I trust you and your family are well and that all is going prosperously with you personally as well as in the missionary work.

With every good wish, I am, as ever

Cordially yours,

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Kake, Alaska. Feb 8, 1923

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave, New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis;

I am writing this on Rev. Harry Story's table in the mission at Kake. Mr. Waggoner and I attended the called meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska on board the Princess Mary Feb 1. on which were Mr. & Mrs. Winterberger going "outside". At the meeting Mr. Story was received from the Presbytery of Sacramento, and arrangements were made for organizing the church of Angoon. We bade goodbye to the Winterbergers with great regret.

Waggoner and I took the Jefferson the 2nd, arriving at Petersburg Sat. the 3rd. There we found Story. It is now four weeks since he was hurt. His hand presents a dreadful appearance. The saw severed the thumb from the hand at the base joint and cut clear across the palm of the hand, tearing through all the arteries, nerves, ligaments and muscles, leaving only the bones and the ligaments and skin of the back of the hand.

But he has a skillful surgeon and good care in the hospital at Petersburg, and we have great hope that his hand will be saved and restored to at least most of its normal functions. He will have to remain at Petersburg at least another week.

Waggoner & I arrived here yesterday — on the gas boat. This is 65 miles west of Petersburg. Waggoner is busy overhauling the A. E. Lindsley preparatory to painting and caulking her, and preparing her for her engine. We will go over to Angoon, 50 miles North, and organize the church there. We will have a week of meetings and hope to add to the 44 members already enrolled.

At Petersburg I preached to a houseful in the Norwegian Lutheran church, and Mr. Waggoner held a service with 65 natives present. This is the kind of work I enjoy - preaching, bringing about conversions, ordaining elders, dedicating houses of worship and organizing churches. Although I am still dizzy, deaf in my left ear and am toothless, I feel well and happy.

I have written Dr. Harrison of Sacramento about Harry Story's great expenses in the hope that he will assist me in raising funds for his relief. Of course I am emphasizing the point that none of such funds must take from the revenues of the Board.

I am anxiously awaiting your judgment upon our tentative budgets. The more I ponder the matter the more the coming fiscal year looms up as the great, critical, progressive year for Alaskan Missions.

This church of Kake seems to be doing well — the best for years. The stores are complete successes.

Warmly yours,

S. Hall Young.

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February 21,1923

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.LL.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Yours of February 8th, concerning Mr. Nickerson's transfer to the Westward was awaiting me on my return from my two and a half weeks'trip to Kake and Angoon.

I must urge again the appointment of Mr. Nickerson to St. Lawrence or Wales. He and his wife would rather go to Wales because of its being accessable in the winter time. Of course if you find a missionary physician for each of these two stations, St. Lawrence and Wales, that would be better than sending the Nickersons there; but if you cannot find these two consecrated doctors I think the Nickersons would be your next best chance. Perhaps I gave you a too decided impression as to Nickersons arbitrary and domineering disposition. He has been lacking in tact at Cordova and has shown poor judgment in dealing with the people. But he and his wife have been very kind to the Indians there and have done more for them than any preceeding missionary. Mr. Lopp put them in the notion of going as missionaries to the Eskimos and I think their motives are pure and high.

Mr. Nickerson is a very handy man with tools. He has done a lot of the work on the new church at Cordova. He is adaptable and resourceful and would be a good musher. If appointed to either of these places he could go at once to Seattle or San Francisco and take a short course in surgery and medicine,of which he already has some knowledge. This was Mr. Lopp's suggestion to him, in case he was appointed to the Westward. Mrs. Nickerson is a ~~plain~~ fine nurse and very efficient with the sick.

As to the movies, I think Nickerson would have no objection to them if he could select the films and manage them himself. He is an accomplished musician and a leader of brass bands,which would be a good thing at either of those Eskimo missions, as the Natives would be delighted to take up music. They are natural musicians.

Mrs. Nickerson has gone to Oregon to visit her daughter,who is taking a course in dentistry. Her son, who is a dentist, is with her.

I hope that you can place Nickerson as a missionary to the Westward. Mr. Lopp seems to have taken a fancy to Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson and has himself suggested that they go to one of those two places and has offered to give Mrs. Nickerson a position in either of those schools and to transport them in the government school boat. Dr. Condit warmly approves of their going and recommends that they be sent to St. Lawrence Island. He says,"I sincerely hope that some good missionary may be located there this coming year, and if Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson are willing to go to assume the double position of missionary and teacher, I believe

that advisable.....Labor and materials for extensive building operations should be sent to the missionary." He reccommends that they be sent in the Herman, commanded by Captain Peterson.

The Board should decide this matter very soon and if advisable cable Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Sheerer, of Fairbanks, would be very glad to go to Cordova and take Nickerson's place, as his wife does not stand the climate of the Interior very well. I believe he would be acceptable to the Cordova people.

My friend, Dr. Koontz, formerly of Wheeling, now of Oil City, Pennsylvania, wants to come to Alaska for a three months' vacation and offers to do any missionary work without salary if the Board will pay his traveling expenses. He is a splendid man, a strong and wise man and would be a good man to fill in the gap either at Anchorage or Cordova, until we can get a permanent missionary. I asked him to write to you and I can strongly recommend him.

Our Presbytery of Yukon is so small and so scattered that you and I will have to settle this question without reference to the Presbytery.

Most faithfully yours,

S H Hallpoorey

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The following is an extract from a letter written on February 21, 1923 by Dr. S. Hall Young:

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The only flagrant infraction of the rule of comity between the churches is now being carried on by that which is no church, the Salvation Army. And that branch of the Salvation Army which is pestering us here in Alaska, is the Canadian branch, not the American. The officers work in British Columbia and Alaska and are ignorant and unscrupulous. They are posing as a church and are entering our organized Presbyterian Churches "converting the Presbyterians" and hauling out our members and dividing the churches whenever they can. I think that the Board would do well to take up this matter with the Canadian Salvation Army. The Army is doing no work at all in Alaska that would not be done, and better done by the Presbyterians on the field. The Army creates a multitude of illiterate "envoys" who execute old fashioned Indian dances under jazz Salvation tunes, and the Indians go through the motions and work themselves up to the excitement of the old heathen dances. They teach the people very little of Christianity. They do not go to places where theye are no churches, but devote themselves to proselyting our members. Without making any reflection upon the excellent work the Army does in the poorer sections of our large cities, we are all convinced that there is no reason at all for their existence in Alaska. If you wish further information on this subject our missionaries at Wrangell, Ketchikan, Kake and Juneau can furnish you with evidence.

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March 6, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,LL.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis;-

This concerns again the correspondence between Dr. Condit and myself concerning the proposed Seminary course for the Native ministers. I quote from my letter of Feb.21st--

" First; I shall npt again discuss the matter of our ministerial training school. The members of the Presbytery, as well as myself, are steadfastly of the opinion that the native ministers should be trained, licensed and ordained in Alaska. The difficulty about your plan is this: Our Presbyterian Law requires that students for the ministry be taken under the care of the Session and the Presbytery, and examined on their Christian character, motives, etc., and afterwards on their attainments and the progress of their studies before they can licensed or ordained. The Presbytery must keep an oversight on them all through their cousre and prescribe that course. So long as the student is an inmate of the school which is controled by the Woman's Board, and that Board pbjects to Presbyterial supervision it would be impossible to have them trained at Sitka. The policy which has been virtually adopted by our Board at my recommendation is to gradually replace the white missionaries who have charge of Native missions by trained Natives. This will take years and ought to have been inaugurated years ago. The plan we proposed is the one imployed on the foreign fields, in Porto Rico, and some of our Indian tribes. "

To this Dr. Condit replied in his letter of March 1st, a copy of which he states he has sent to you. Refering to his letter it shows that there is little difference between his plan and mine. He has come over considerably in his views to my standpoint. In his former letters he insisted that all native students for the native ministery should take a regular seminary course in our seminaries in the States. I do not think that he yet contemplated the introduction into the Sheldon Jackson School of a course sufficiently thorough to answer our needs.

But you have Dr. Condit's letters and mine and we can safely leave the decision of these questions to you and the officers of the Woman's Board. That decision ought to be made soon.

Faithfully yours,

S. Hall Young

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March, 6, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,LL.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis;-

I have received a letter from Mr. Nickerson under date of March 1st which contains the following-- "I have told the people here that I shall leave and am of the opinion that letters have gone out regarding a new pastor. If the Board cannot place a man at St. Lawrence or Wales I shall apply to the Bureau of Education as Mrs. Nickerson and I feel that the work for the natives of Alaska is a necessity, and we canno tfeel right unless we enter this work if the Lord will give us a place. Mrs. Nickerson has gone out with the idea of taking special wotk in a hospital, and I am at work in preparation for such a place as we shall have open for us.

"Dr. Condit wrote me that he hoped that we could go to the St. Lawrence people as it was a tragedy to have neglected them so long. I am expecting a letter from Mr. Lopp soon and shall then know better just the condition of affairs.

"I have no desire to leave the survace of the Church but we know that there are men willing to work here in Cordova but that men for Eskimo work are hard to find.

" If we could know that we were to go westward I could s secure the services of Mr. McCain, the Deputy U.S. Atty. who is moving here to supply the Church fpr several months as he is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church. He has been preaching in Valdez since Mr. Mobbs left last Sept. and is a good preacher. I think he would take the work for the Sunday services for $50.00 a month until a man could be secured. If you wish I will ask him when he comes over here the middle of this month. If Mrs. Nickerson should be appointed a teacher at St. Lawrence Island I am sure that she would be allowed fuel and that would mean that the bill for our house would be much less. There is a man in the employ of the Copper River R.R. that is working on a oil burner that will burn in a heating stove and he told me that it was not costing him more than ten cents a day for the oil. It is a gravity and burns crude oil. If it is a success it will mean a great saving to the mission stations along the coast as oil here costs about seven cents a gal. in bulk.

"If the Board do not appoint us to the Eskimo work we might go out along the R.R. if there are no vacant places in the Government Service that is unt 11 a places opens.

"I g reatly appreciate your effotts inregard to the work that you feel would be a place that the master could use us more than among the whites. "

I hope that you wil immediately take this matter up with the Bureau of Education and make with them such arrangements a: will be just to Mr. and Mrs Nickerson and also just to our Board.

Hastily bug sincerely,

S. Hall Young

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Rev. S. Hall Young,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Await letter before changing Nickerson & Denton. Very doubtful.

John A. Marquis.

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March 9, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Doctor Young:

Your letter has just come and I have discussed it with Mr. Banks. We are in a good deal of perplexity about two things:

1. It is about your suggestion to send Nickerson to San Francisco for some sort of medical and nursing training. We have no money at all to do this and you do not provide for it in the budget which you have sent us. I do not see where the funds can come from inasmuch as in all probability it will not be possible for us when we get together to grant you all the budget you have asked for other things. If Nickerson goes to Cape Prince of Wales, my judgment is that he will have to go with his present knowledge and his present skill. In addition to this I am exceedingly doubtful about sending him at all because of what you have said about him. It seems to me a great mistake to send a man to Cape Prince of Wales, where he will be alone without your restraining influence, or influence of any kind, when of your own admission he is "domineering and abusive."

2. The second point that perplexes us is that Mr. Banks doubts very much whether Denton is the man for Anchorage. Mr. Banks was informed that the Skagway people decline to have him there, and inasmuch as the congregation at Anchorage is made up of white people who have their ideals of what a minister ought to be and do, it is a question whether you are serving the cause there by sending a man who in all probability will not be acceptable. Would it not be just as well to leave them vacant as to do that?

3. In regard to the transfer of Mr. Scherer from Fairbanks to Cordova: that will be up to you with the caution not to exceed your budget should there by any expense involved.

We have not secured any physician as yet for Wales but are pushing it just as hard as we can.

It will not be possible to open St. Lawrence this summer, leaving that to the new Board when it gets holds

Very sincerely yours

JAM:MEL.

C O P Y

THE SALVATION ARMY

Winnipeg, Canada.

March 19, 1923.

John A. Marquis, Esq.,
General Secretary,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of March 15th, with attached extract from Dr. S. Hall Young's letter to you. We do not agree at all with the statements made therein and must say even before we write our Divisional Commander, Staff-Captain Jaynes at Wrangell, that we take very strong exception to the language used. Such a document shows a very bad spirit and would prejudice the matter from the beginning in my personal opinion. However, we are writing our Staff-Captain Jaynes, who is our representative in Alaska, from whom we shall hear in due course.

Meanwhile let me assure you that our best wishes are with the Presbyterian Church in their work in Alaska, and may we express the hope that we shall be able to work in harmony together as in other parts of the world. If I may refer to the price paid for liberty of worship by the early Covenanters and others who have followed them, you will better appreciate the right of every man whether Indian or white to worship as their own conscience dictates. This is a liberty which exists under the Stars and Stripes as well as under the Union Jack. We certainly desire to work as brothers together where ever our labours may be and I close by assuring you again our good wishes are with you in your work.

Believe me to be

Your Brother in Christ,

(signed) F. MORRIL,

Chief Secretary.

M/I.

March 22, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

I took up the matter of overlapping between the Salvation Army and our missions with their headquarters in Winnipeg, Canada, and I have just received a letter from them, a copy of which is enclosed. I sent them a copy of your statement in regard to the matter and you will see how it is taken.

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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March 28, 1923

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,LL,D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis;-

I am on this mission to the churches of Yukon Presbytery, and it seems more and more important that I should have undertaken it. I cannot return to Juneau on this vessel, but will have to remain until the next boat, the Northwestern, which will land me at Juneau April 7th or 8th--just before the meeting of Alaska Presbytery. I expect to reach Anchorage tomorrow, and be there for Sunday, the 25th, during which time I can meet with the Elders and Trustees and try to adjust differences between them. I have learned that Mr. Williams has written you at length, setting forth complaints against Mr. Marple. I hope to bring about harmony, and arrange the matter of supplies during Marple's absence. Monday noon-the 26th-- I expect th take the train to Nenana, arriving there Tues. Shall inspect church matters there and attend the meeting of the Grand Igloo of Alaska Pioneers, of which I am Grand Chaplain. The other officers of the Grand Igloo are with me.

Saturday, March 31st, I expect to go to Fairbanks and spend Easter with Mr. Scherer. I shall return to Anchorage and Sewrad in time to take the Northwestern hpme.

I had eight daylight hours at Cordova, and had satisfactory interviews with Mr. Nickerson and his elders and people. While Mr. Nickerson does not wish to stay at Cordova, and the people do not wish him to. yet he will go with no hard feelings, and there will be no unpleasant jar or division, if the Board will back me up in the arrangements I am trying to make.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received yesterday by Mr. Nickerson from Mr. Lopp. Now, I would recommend the following action on the part of yourself and the Board. Correspond by wire and letter with Mr. Lopp at once, to either, First (best), locate the Nickersons at St. Lawrence Island as missionaries and teachers on good salaries, divided between the Board and the Bureau of Education, the Government to transport them to their field, provide them with coal, etc.-- The Board will never have another opportunity to open that mission so cheaply and effectively. Or, Second, If you have not secured a missionary Physician for Wales, send the Nickersons there, making such arrangements with the Bureau as will be best for them and their work. Or--

Third; Let Mr. Lopp send the Nickersons as teachers to Point Barrow, the Board appointing Mr. Nickerson as assistant to Dr. Greist, supplementing his salary for that purpose. I believe this would work well. Mrs. N. is now taking a special course as trained nurse; and if Mr. N's. salary is continued at the full rate until the Bureau assumes it, and he is permitted to go at once to San Fransisco for training and preparation, they will be better equipped for work among Eskimos than most of our missionaries have been.

Under this arrangement, if you, with the Bureau of Education, send the Nickersons to either of these, or to some other Eskimo field (such as Wainwright, Bristol Bay, Iliamna, etc.) you have enhanced the usefulness of a pair of consecrated missionaries, and enlarged our missionary field at minimum cost. The Bureau will bear the cost of transportation.

Mr. Nickerson is an expert band-master, playing all the instruments and experienced as a leader. If he goes to the Eskimos I shall give him letters to a number of my friends on the Pacific Coast which will, I think, put him on the way of securing a set of instruments. An Eskimo brass band w uld be a wonderful effect for good.

I talked with Mr. Nickerson, Elder Smith, and a number of the members of Cordova Church about Mr. Scherer as a possibility for pastor, and they are all more than willing to have him come. I now go to talK to him about it. He wishes to leave the Interior on account of his wife's health, and there reasons why the change would be beneficial to both churches. Mr. Scherer's genial personality and popular qualities are just what are needed now to bring the somewhat scattered and distracted people of Cordova together.

Please take speedy action concerning the Nickersons and let me and Mr. Nickerson know by cable your decision. Do nothing until you have consulted with Mr. Lopp.

I am now expecting a harder task at Anchorage than I had anticipated. There seems to be serious difference of opinion there about Mr. Marple. May God help me in the role of peace-maker! I shall keep you informed.

Very Faithfully,

S. Hall Young.

(By a.y.K)

Copy.

Department of the Interior.
Bureau of education, Alaska Division.
Alaska Native School, Medical and Reindeer Service.

Seattle. Washington.

March 18. 1923.

Rev. R. S. Nickerson.
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Nickerson.

I have your letter of March 1, stating that you and Mrs. Nickerson are considering mission work in Northwestern Alaska, possibly St. Lawrence Island or Wales. If the Board sends you to St. Lawrence Island, I believe it will beppppssible f for us to give Mrs. Nickerson an appointment there as teacher. We have Mr. and Mrs. Thompson on the Island. However, they are probably leaving at our new station on the north shore, at about the airway point of the Island. I doubt if there will be a vacancy at Wales for her.

If the Board cannot offer you a position, it may be possible for me to place you both in one of our vacancies. How far north would you be willing to go? I am enclosing herewith a blank form of application for yourself and can later send a blank to Mrs. Nickerson in California when we learn her address.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. T. Lopp.
Superintendent of Education
of Natives of Alaska.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 10, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,LL.D.,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

This letter is my report of the trip to Nenana and Fairbanks. I took a sleeper at two P. M. Thursday, March 29th, and reached Nenana, more than three hundred miles distant, at six A. M. Friday March 30th. The order of Pioneers of Alaska, of which I am Grand Chaplain, had its annual session of the Grand Igloo at Nenana and we had two busy and important days. Many Alaska Laws are under discussion by the Legislature now in session, and the Grand Igloo was of considerable importance in the enactment of needed Legislation concerning indigents, schools, fisheries, election laws, etc. Sunday morning, Easter Day I conducted a great memorial service for the members of the order who had died the ensuing year.

While at Nenana I entered our Church and Manse, looked up the three teachers in the Sunday School, two of whom I had married to citizens of Nenana, last summer, and also looked up the one trustee remaining of those who had been elected in Mr. Diven's time, and also other friends of the Church. I arranged for a meeting to elect trustees, and on my return from Fairbanks, Tuesday April 3rd, the train stopping at Nenana for six hours, I conducted the election of five trustees, two men and three women. The minister from Fairbanks will continue to make monthly visits to Nenana until the time when Mr. Marple returns to Anchorage, and Mr. Denton can take up his residence at Nenana and do work there and along the line of the railroad. The coal mines at Healy and other towns along the line of the railroad are growing to be of more and more importance, and I feel that we must have a Pioneer missionary on this field if we are to make any effort to care for the spiritual interests of a large and important population.

Sunday afternoon a special train took me and the other delegates to the Grand Igloo to Fairbanks, fifty miles distant. I reached Fairbanks just in time to take part in the Easter service held by the Presbyterian Sunday School--the Foreign Mission Boards combined program about Easter and Japan. The Church was jammed full and I told them the story of those devoted Japanese descendants, Sam and Frances Johnson. Monday, April 2, was a very busy day including another Pioneer Memorial service, a visit to the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines with an address, and a great meeting at the Pioneer Hall in the evening with another address. They seemed to like to hear me at Fairbanks.

I put to Mr. and Mrs. Scherer the proposition that they go to Cordova taking Mr. Nickerson's place. I told them of the situation at Cordova and gave it as my opinion that Mr. Scherer could better save that Church and restore it to its former prosperous condition than any stranger could do. I left them to think and pray over the matter and in the morning they told me they had decided to go to Cordova if invited. Mrs. Scherer was ill almost all of the past winter. She had the misfortune of a miscarriage and was forced to return to the hospital for another operation. The low temperature at Fairbanks and the fact that the manse is not very warm told against her health. Mr. Scherer thinks she would be better on the coast. He is quite popular at Fairbanks and very much interested in his charge there and there is no reason at Fairbanks for his departure except those that I have given. Mrs. Scherer is a lovely little women, very young and childlike and much beloved by the people of Fairbanks. The contrast between both of them and the Nickersons will, I think commend them instantly to the Cordova people.

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On my way from Seward to Juneau on April 6th our boat lay at Cordova for several hours. I saw Mr. Nickerson and had a long talk with him. He had heard nothing further from Mr. Lopp and was anxiously awaiting word from him and from you concerning his going to work among the Eskimo. I also saw Mr. Smith--John C. Smith, the one remaining elder of the Cordova Church who is now a resident. He is a sturdy Scotch-Irish Presbyterian who used to be an elder in the first Church of Aberdeen Washington. He is very loyal to the Church and a fine man in every way. He told me, to continue Mr. Nickerson at Cordova would be to destroy the Church. He says that the attendance has dwindled to a mere handful. But he says that there is quite a large body of loyal members awaiting the coming of a new minister and that they would flock back to the Church as soon as he came. The Sunday School is well attended and would be much larger if another man was there and the Ladies' Aid Society, the most of whom will not go to Church at present would welcome the new pastor and his wife most eagerly. He thinks that if Mr. Scherer comes soon the Church would do better financially and spiritually the coming year than it has any year of the past. He was much pleased when I told him that Mr. Scherer had consented to come to Cordova and promised to write to him on behalf of himself and the Church

I feel, Dr. Marquis, that I never made a trip in Alaska that was more necessary and that was productive of more good than this trip to these four Presbyterian Churches. If the Board backs me up in the plans I have urged upon them, namely: the Nickersons to Eskimo work at St. Laurence, Prince of Wales or elsewhere; Denton to Anchorage as a supply and afterwards to Nenana; and Scherer to Cordova I shall feel that the Presbytery of the Yukon is saved and put upon a better basis than ever. The only considerable new expenses will be a new man for Fairbanks ; part of the expenses and salary of the Nickersons and the travelling expenses of the Scherers to Cordova. I shall try to make arrangements for the Church at Anchorage to bear the greater part of the travelling expenses of the Dentons, and the amount given by the Anchorage Church towards its pastor, which will be paid direct to Mr. Denton or sent to the Board for him, will be less than the amount he is now receiving from the Board. I shall work all of these expenses out and submit them to the Board as soon as possible.

Please let me know at the earliest possible moment your decision on all these propositions.

Most cordially yours,

S. Hall Young

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April 10, 1923.

Rev. J. A. Marquis D.D., LL.D.
156 Fifth Ave. New York City.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

This is my report concerning the situation at Anchorage and the settlement of the difficulties there.

As I wrote you I was summoned by a telegram from Mr. D. H. Williams, an elder in the Anchorage Church. This message reached me March 19th and was very imperative saying that it was absolutely necessary that I should come on the Alameda which was sailing from Juneau the 20th. Mr. Williams offered to pay my expenses.

I boarded the Alameda and reached Anchorage Saturday, March 24th. I was received by Mr. Williams and quartered by him at the Hotel Parsons where Mr. Marple very shortly found me. Saturday evening and all day Sunday delegations of the officers and members of the Church visited me, and there were charges and counter charges from both sides. It appeared that trouble had been brewing between Mr. Marple and Mr. Williams for some months. Mr. Williams who was backed by one elder, two trustees and a number of members was determined that Mr. Marple should leave Anchorage. Mr. Williams had resigned from the eldership and the superintendency of the Sunday School, but claimed that his resignation was caused by pressure unduly put upon him by Mr. Marple and his adherents. A meeting held a week before my arrival for the purpose of election of trustees and elders broke up in disorder with out effecting the election of the elders, and the matter was held in abeyance until my arrival.

Mr. Marple and his friends, including ### two elders and the rest of the trustees, claimed that Mr. Williams was entirely in the wrong, and accused him of trying to oust Mr. Marple against the will of the people and of creating division in the Church. I preached an earnest sermon Sunday night the 25th on the subject of the Law of Christ and my sessions with the warring factions were resumed that night and on Monday. I did all that I could to pour oil on the troubled waters. I was entertained most cordially by families on both sides, and on Tuesday evening held a session with the combined boards of elders and trustees and arranged for a congregational meeting to be held on Wednesday evening.

At the Congregational meeting Mr. Marple was not present and I presided. I did not allow any discussion. Corrected some irregularities in the preceding meeting; called for nominations for elders, and the election proceeded by ballot with the utmost quiet and order. There were four elders to be elected, the term of one elder not having expired . Seven nominations were made , four of them friends of Mr. Marple and three of Williams' friends. The result was overwhelmingly in favor of Mr. Marple. There were forty four members voting and the four friends of Mr. Marple received thirty eight, thirty seven, thirty six and twenty eight votes respectively. While Mr. Williams friends received seventeen and sixteen and he himself but fourteen votes. After the election the congregation voted unanimously to ask Mr. Denton to supply the Church until Mr. Marple's return. The meeting ended quietly and both sides expressed themselves as satisfied, and thanked me for my conduct of the meeting. No bitterness was expressed after the meeting by either side, and Mr. Williams gave me a check for my expenses

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from Juneau to Anchorage and return, including hotel expenses.

Many of the members, adherents of both sides, have told me that I saved the Church from a split and that now there is no danger of such a catastrophe. I took the train to the Interior Thursday the 29th, returning on Wednesday, April 4th. The train stopped in Anchorage five or six hours and I met Mr. Marple and Mr. Williams and friends of both. All were cordial and the storms seem to have blown over. Mr. Marple received seven new members into the Church Easter Day and at both services the Church was packed. The new elders were installed and at least outward peace reigns. I congratulate myself that I seem to have gained no enemies but many friends by my mediation. It was worthwhile to be the means of saving this fine Church from disastrous schism. Mr. and Mrs. Marple will come thru Juneau in a few days on their way to Southern California and general Assembly. Mr. Denton is here on attendance at the Presbytery and I think he will gladly go to Anchorage if the Board heeds my telegram.

I arrived at Juneau very early yesterday morning, April 9th, and found Presbytery about to convene.

Most cordially yours,

S. Hall Young

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April 15th, 1923.

Rev. John M. Marquis D.D.LL D.

156 Fifth Ave., New york, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I send herewith a copy of my report to the Presbytery of Alaska. The Home Mission report preceded mine and the two were considered together, my recommendations all being adopted. You will receive from Dr. Bruce and Mr. Waggoner a full account of the doings of the Presbytery.

This meeting was indeed most delightful. A spirit of harmony and earnestness was apparent such as I have never before witnessed at a Presbytery meeting here. The budget we prepared, the changes we have effected and all recommendations made by myself and the Home Mission Committee were cheerfully adopted.

We are asking a great deal of the Board this year, but I think you will see that we have recommended only what seems to be absolutely necessary for the progress of this work. I am sure that if you grant us our request the native churches and the white will be able to progress rapidly hereafter in the matter of self-support as well as evangelization.

Now if the Board will appoint Mr. Pederson to the West Coast work as recommended, sanction the transfer of Mr. Brumley to Haines and of Mr. Denton to Anchorage, appoint Mr. Waggoner as field evangelist, provide for the sending of new men to the native church at Sitka and the native church at Juneau, and adopt our recommendations for Lay Pastors over the five native missions we have designated, we will be able to do something really constructive in Southeastern Alaska.

With the exception of a rather severe cold which I caught when our train was hung up by a snow slide between Anchorage and Seward, I am well and able to do good work. We are anxiously awaiting the action of the Board on our budget and recommendations for the ensuing year.

With high regards,

S. Hall Young

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REPORT OF S. HALL YOUNG, GENERAL MISSIONARY to the PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA
Fiscal Year, April 1st, 1922--Mar. 31,1923.

This report, written in Anchorage while engaged in unexpected and important work in the bounds of another Presbytery, must of necessity lack the exactness and the attention to details which it would show were it written in my office, with my files at hand. Without these letters and files I can only outline the story of the year, so far as it concerns my work in the Presbytery.

Before launching upon the tide of this story I wish to bear joyful witness to the delightful fellowship I have enjoyed with all the members of the Presbytery, their kindness in taking care of me when in their parishes, and their prompt compliance with the demands of the Board of Home Missions and the Church; and especially have I appreciated the help and counsel of Rev. David Waggoner, Stated Clerk, and Dr. George G. Bruce, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee. Without their aid I could have made but little progress in the work laid upon me by the Board -- the reorganization of our work in Alaska.

The first great step in this work was the restoration to this Presbytery and its officers and committees many duties and responsibilities which have for years rested upon the shoulders of the General Missionary -- such as the handling of funds received from the Board for repairs, for the traveling expenses of Missionaries, for the payment of native helpers, etc., as well as directing the building of manses and churches and the activities and studies of the lay workers. Many of these duties have been taken over by these officers of the Presbytery; others have been shared by them with the General Missionary. He has been relieved of many burdens, some onerous, some petty, and of much

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correspondence.

Directly after the meeting of Presbytery in April last my duties called me to the bounds of Yukon Presbytery. During my absence to the Westward I helped yourCommittee to readjust the revised budget to best meet the requirements of the Missions.

On my return to your bounds in June the extensive correspondence of the Office and details of manse repairs, the formation of local committees to handle mission properties. the settlement of legal questions, etc. demanded my attention.. Among other pleasant duties was that of procurring the services of that very efficient theological student, Mr. Thornton Penfield Jr. to help Mr. Beck during the summer in Evangelistic work among the natives.

The first week of July I attended the meeting of the Synod of Washington at Tacoma, and, although a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Yukon I labored on behalf of this one as well, to excite a more helpful spirit towards Alaska and bring it into closer relations with the rest of the Synod, At this meeting I met, among other general officials of the Presbyterian Church, Moderator Calvin C. Hays, Treasurer Varian Banks of the Home Board, and Dr. Wiley of the Board of Church Erection. The two former I helped to persuade to visit Alaska. I met Dr. Hays at Ketchikan and conducted to him to Metlakatla, His visit will be productive of lasting good to that mission.

Mr. Banks came to Juneau with us, and immediately he embarked on the Lois with Mr. Waggoner, Mr. Beck, Mr. Penfield and myself and we visited the Missions of Hoonah, Sitka, Haines, Klukwan, and Skagway, besides the Churches of Juneau, and by steamboat the missions at Ketchikan and Wrangell. It is not too much to say that this visit of Mr. Banks has been productive of more good to our Missions than that of any other official of our Board in the past. Some

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of its results are the finishing and putting in commission of the A. L. Lindsley and raising a perpetual sum of $750. per annum for its upkeep; the installation of a new engine in the Lois; the installation of heating plants in Mr. Waggoner's manse and the General Missionary's house, with other improvements in the latter, arranging for new manses at Hoonah and Ketchikan; providing for the sale of mission properties, the money to be applied to helping the missions; and establishing more sympathetic relations between the Home Mission Board and Alaska Missions. During Mr. Bank's visit and ever since I have been in constant communication with him in matters concerning the good of the Missions.

During the fall months the Gen. Missionary was a principal agent in securing the services of Rev. H. H. Story and installing him at Kake. Although hindered by a severe attack of illness the first of October he kept up a correspondence with all four missionaries, and wrote several articles for Presbyterian publications. In Dec. he dedicated the church at Wrangell. In Jan. he dedicated the new church at Metlakatla, visited Saxman and ordained elders, preached at Ketchikan and conferred with the church people from Kasaan.

In Feb. ,in company with Mr. Waggoner he went to Petersburg and conferred with Mr. Story; went on to Kake, ~~passing by Petersburg~~, preaching in both places and doing what he could to help the Kake mission and relieve the Storys in their affliction; then on to Angoon where, Feb. 13-17 he assisted Mr. Waggoner in organizing a Presbyterian Church of 60 members.

The rest of the fiscal year has been spent, with his Executive Council -- The Stated Clerk and the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee and himself -- in, first, preparing and trying to put through the Board a new and enlarged budget, including a raise of $200 in the salaries of the Missionaries, with

extra allowances for those who have young children, and increased appropriations for boats, buildings and new enterprises. Second, securing Mr. Pederson for the West Coast field, with native pastors at Bayview and Hydaburg. Third, preparing a plan of readjustment of the personnel in a number of missions. Fourth, preparing the way for the establishment in Alaska of a training school for native ministers. Fifth, arranging for a Presbyterian excursion and other means of bringing our missions and their needs before the Presbyterian public.

My recommendations will be covered largely by the reports of your Committees. We have worked out these problems together. These measures especially ought to be passed:

1. The improved and enlarged budget.
2. The placing of native Lay Pastors at Hydaburg, Bayview, Kasaan, Klukwan and Angoon, with adequate salaries. (Sam. Davis recommended for Kasaan, John Brown for Hydaburg, Sam. Johnson for Angoon, the H. M. Committee and General Missionary to select lay pastors for Bayview and Klukwan.)
3. The arranging of asystem by which each native church is canvassed for funds towards self-support and kept up to its pledges.
4. Arranging for great Presbyterian conventions, at least once a year.
5. Definite understanding with the Board concerning buildings, boats, student evangelists, and new ministers needed the coming year, as well as necessary changes in personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. S. Hall Young.
General Missionary.

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April 17, 1923.

Rev. J. A. MarquisD.D.,LL D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I am forwarding to you a letter from Erik H. Nylin, Superintendent of Wales School, under date of Feb. 3rd, 1923, and an inclosure dated May 20th 1922. I have taken copies of these for my files.

I do not know the circumstances nor what correspondence you have had on this subject with the Wales Mission. You will have to handle this case directly from New York. My judgment would be, of course, that the Board should immediately eject these offending natives, and the church property should be handed over to Mr. Nylin or whoever may be in charge of our Mission.

Faithfully yours,

S. Hall Young

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April 26, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis D.D., LL D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Knowing something and conjecturing more of the tremendous strain you have been under and the pressure of work in these times of reconstruction, I have not the heart to complain of neglect, and the fact that I have had no answer ~~from~~ to my many letters the past six weeks, or to my emergency telegrams even. But I am really in great perplexity. Just one of many problems put up to you has been decided indirectly by Mr. Banks, who sends to Dr. Bruce a check for Mr. Denton, stating that he learns Mr. Denton is to go to Anchorage and so sends the check here that it may not be delayed in reaching him. The last letter I had from you on this subject spoke doubtfully of Denton's fitness, but I've sent you many letters and telegrams on the subject and infer that you have consented to Denton's transfer, altho you have not said so directly to me. Mr. Marple passed through Juneau last week on his way East and urges that Denton make haste to Anchorage. I sent a letter to Denton yesterday asking him to come here if possible on the Jefferson the last of this week and take a boat to the Westward April 30th or May 1st. I understand that the Church at Anchorage will pay at least most of his moving expenses.

I am doing my best to find men for Skagway and Fairbanks. I have received no defnite word from you concerning Mr. Nickerson's transfer to the Eskimo field. I greatly hope that both Nickerson and I will be relieved of our perplexity very soon.

I picture you all as in a great stew at 156. I hope and praythat there will be "clear shining" after all the rain, and that you will still be the pilot to guide the larger Home Mission Ship.

With constant love to you all,

S Hall Young

April 30, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

Thanks very much for your letters in regard to your trip to Anchorage and Nenanah. You are putting us, however, in a very embarrassing fix in regard to Nickerson and Cape Prince of Wales and St. Lawrence Island. We closed last year with a deficit of $138,000, caused by falling off of $95,000 from living givers over last year and a drop in interest of our invested funds. We have cut every department to meet this $138,000 deficit except Alaska. Alaska is down for the same amount it received last year, namely, for both presbyteries, $43,160. There was a good deal of protest on the part of the other men that we did not cut Alaska along with the rest of them, but we finally managed to get it through. I see no way to send Nickerson to Cape Prince of Wales unless we can secure a "special" for him, which we are trying to do. I suppose it will take $4,000 to put him there and equip him and maintain him for a year. Furthermore, as soon as we get a physician he would have to withdraw. However, we will work this out the best we can, and it may be that we can try him out at Cape Prince of Wales for a year.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I have just received from the Commander of the Salvation Army at Winnipeg. I also have a letter from Dr. Diven with a copy of one he sent to you on the same subject. I should like to hear from you about the matter. If you were mistaken in your characterization of the work of the Salvation Army and have gotten me in wrong, I think it is up to both of us to apologize and withdraw as gracefully as we can. I am sending Dr. Diven a copy of your statement in regard to the Salvation Army with your request that I take it up.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, May 28, 1923

Rev. Jonh A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I have been waiting until the Assembly was over to extend to you my most hearty congratulations at your election to the most responsible position in the Presbyterian church, Secretary of the Board of National Missions. There is no greater office in the world than the one which you now hold, and no man better fitted in the worldto hold it than yourself. The Presbyterian church has again shown its wisdom in your selection.

This letter concerns the matter of the Alaska correspondence from the Home Office. It is no reflection on yourself, of course, to say that we have greatly missed Dr. Dixon, his prompt answers to every question, his sympathetic appreciation of Alaskan situations, and his splendid judgment in the solutions of pur problems. Your advice has been invaluable but we realize that you have had such a press of duty that you could not pay attention to details or to individual missions or missionaries. Mr. Banks is doing splendidly and we wonder that in the press of other duties he is able to write us such full and satisfactory letters. I have not been informed what position he is to hold in the new Board but presume and hope that he will its Treasurer.

No doubt you have realized that Alaska must have a new assistant Secretary in the office at 156 Fifth Avenue to carry on its correspondence. I cannot think of anyone in your force that has the time or the ability to fill this position. Miss Ingraham would come nearer to it than any other person now in New York. But it seems to me that you should have a man there whose whole time would be devoted to Alaska, and perhaps Porto Rico, Cuban and some other sections. Then we could get our letters answered and get the machine working satisfactorily. Such a man could with our assistance arrange the buiget, carry on correspondence with propective missionaries, attend to vacations and temporary supplies, arrange financial matters in places which I can not reach pessonally--in short be the Home Secretary for Alaska. I do not think it is egotistical in me to day that I ought to have had that position six or seven years ago, and that the Alaska mission would have been much farther along had I been made such a secretary.

At present I do not wish it for the reasons that I am needed here on the field to work out the great plansof reorganization and that the confinement of an office in New York would in all probability shorten my life. There are three men either one of whom could fill that office and fill it well. In orderof my preference they are Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D. of Juneau , Rev. H. J. Diven D.D. of Wrangell, and Rev. Rev. F. L. Winterberger of Eugene,Ore., lately from Skagway. I do not know whether anyone of these splendid men would wish to move to New York and undertake this work, but I know they are all well qualified. They know Alaska, have the confidence of its missionaries and people and are in full sympathy with me and my plans.

The trouble with your secretaries and assistants at the present time is that not one of them knows Alaska, and it is foolish to think of giving them the correspondence without such knowledge. I have not had time to get letters from the office since the General Assembly closed and therefore I do not know the details of the Home Mission business transacted. The daily papers here give only sensational items such as Bryans deafeat by Wishart, the attack on Fosdick, Bryan's acceptance of "The Stering Committee" etc., most of these items they have got wrong.

A bundle of the first Indianapolis papers about the Assembly have just come but I have not had time to read them. I am glad Wishart was put in rather than Bryan.

I shall take up a number of other matters with you later. Please let me know what you think of my suggestions concerning the Alaska correspondence. To what extent and within what range can I still correspond with you?

Affectionately yours,

S Hall Young

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

Copy of letter from Hjerpe attached

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Skaguay, Alaska.

June 4, 1923.

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D. D. LLd.,
156 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I am here at Skaguay helping Rev. H. H. Story get started in his summer's work. He and his family are installed in our manse at Skaguay, and are very kindly received by the people.

I am returning by the JEFFERSON, this week, to Juneau.

Just before boarding the steamer, yesterday, I received a letter a copy of which I enclose. I also enclose my answer.

Mr. Rasmussen is one of the most intelligent Norwegians in Alaska, and is President of the Bank of Alaska which has branches in a number of towns. He is a very faithful elder of our church in Skaguay, and its most influential member. For several years, he has been talking of the wisdom of the Board of Missions in the Swedish Evangelical Church's handing over to the Presbyterian Church the Yakutat Mission. The wish of the Yakutat people seems to be very earnest that they should have the same spiritual leadership as the other Thlingets. As I stated to Mr. Hjerpe, we have not given them any encouragement.

Dr. Bruce and I, as well as Dr. Condit and others, are strongly of the opinion that the Yakutats should have a Presbyterian mission. We have succeeded in almost eliminating "Hootch" from our Presbyterian missions. There are many makers and drinkers of Hootch in Yakutat. That tribe has dwindled within the last few years from being one of the largest tribes to less than 200 people. It is favorably situated, if under the right management, for evangelical progress; but has made none--or, at least, very little. We all think that the salvation of that tribe, physically and spiritually, depends upon our taking charge of that mission.

Mr. Rasmussen says that the present plant which includes a very comfortable manse, a good church building, a school house, and a good-sized and well-improved garden, cost over $10,000.00. There is a new church building down nearer to the Indian town

the cost of which he does not know. He erected the other buildings. He does not wish to be quoted, but stated to me in confidence that he thought the Swedish Evangelical Board would turn over to us their plant which includes a small gas boat sufficient for cruising about Yakutat Bay, for Four or Five Thousand Dollars. The Yakutat Mission would belong to the Presbytery of Alaska, and the officers of this Presbytery are at one with me in desiring to enter and abide in that tribe. I suppose that the money for this enterprise would have to be obtained through the "Extension Fund" or raised in some special way.

Will you please take this matter up with the Executive Committee, and let me know the result. Please communicate directly, also, with Mr. Hjerpe.

Faithfully yours,

S Hall Young

SHY GJF

C O P Y

THE SWEDISH EVANGELICAL MISSION COVENANT OF AMERICA
136 West Lake Street,

Chicago, Ill., May 26th, 1923.

Dr. S. Hall Young,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

Through our Missionary, Rev. Axelson, who for many years has been stationed at Yakutat, I have been informed that you had mentioned to him that you or your Board would be in favor of taking over our mission at Yakutat and buy us out, that is our property there.

I brought this matter up before our Mission Board at one of our meetings and was authorized to get a little more definite information regarding this subject.

As you probably know, we have two mission stations in the northern part of Alaska, one at Unalakleet and one at Golovin, or Elim. The mission station at Golovin is as old as the one at Yakutat, and Unalakleet is one of the largest villages in Norton Bay, and it has been a question to us if we should divide it, but if it comes to a real dealing I think our people would prefer to include all of our mission stations in Alaska. I have myself been up in Alaska on an inspection journey, and I see according to the map that the Presbyterian Church has quite a number of mission stations also in the northern part of Alaska.

I should be very much pleased to hear from you, Dr. Young, in this matter as soon as possible.

Wishing you God's blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

(signed) E. G. Hjerpe

President,

EGH-AH

Sw. Ev. Covenant of America.

Copy

Skaguay, Alaska.

June 4, 1923.

Rev. E. G. Hjerpe, President,
The Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America,
136 West Lake Street, Room 435,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hjerpe:

Your letter of May 26 came on our last boat just as I was taking steamer for Skaguay. I brought the letter along in order that I might consult with Mr. Rasmussen, formerly your missionary at Yakutat, but now President of the Bank of Alaska and an Elder in our church at Skaguay.

The conclusion at which I have arrived is also Mr. Rasmussen's advice. I have seen Mr. Rasmussen and he has consulted me about the proposed transfer of your mission at Yakutat to the Presbyterian Board. I told him at that time that any such move must originate with you and that we never try to absorb any mission of another denomination. But both Mr. Axelson and Mr. Rasmussen told me, a year ago, that it was their opinion that the mission at Yakutat would do much better if the Presbyterians would take charge of it. The people of Yakutat are Thlingets. There are some 13 different tribes speaking that language, and the Yakutats are the only ones that are not ministered to by a Presbyterian head. A number of Yakutats have been educated in our Sheldon Jackson Presbyterian School at Sitka, and repeatedly letters have come from Yakutat asking that a Presbyterian mission be established among their people; that the Thlingets might be all under one spiritual leadership. I have never encouraged these advances, waiting for the Swedish Evangelical Church to make the first move.

I have no doubt that the Lord's hand is in this, and I shall urge upon our Board that they at once open negotiations with you to find on what terms you would transfer your mission to the Presbyterian Church. Our mission Board has been under serious financial difficulties the last year or two, and it may be that it will be impossible for them to take over your mission this year. Next year, we expect to have a third and larger mission boat on these waters--one that is equal to the open sea that lies between Cross Sound and Yakutat. Our smaller boats are hardly large

to make the open sea voyage.

I am sending a copy of your letter to our General Secretary, Rev. J. A. Marquis, D. D. LLD., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, with a copy also of this letter. I am also writing him, asking him to take up the matter with you.

I am acquainted with the missions at Golovan and Unalakleet. I ministered to the Esqimeauxs at two or three points in that region during mining boom times. I think it would be impracticable and unwise for the Presbyterian church to assume these missions. I would suggest that you take that matter up with the Methodist Board. The Methodists have missions among the Esqimeauxs of Nome and Sinuk, which is adjacent to your two missions on Norton Sound. We have no mission nearer to your missions than Cape Prince of Wales. We have just opened that mission, and it is all that we can do at present for the Esqimeauxs in the Northwest.

Praying that both your Board and ours may be guided to the glory of God and the evangelization of these interesting peoples, I am

Very faithfully yours,

Presbyterian General Missionary for Alaska.

SHY GJF

Petition for new work at Petersburg

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Skaguay, Alaska.

June 5, 1923.

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I am enclosing a petition which has just reached me from the majority of the substantial citizens of Petersburg, Alaska. I also received a letter from Mr. Harold F. Dawes, a merchant of that town, backing up the petition and also asking that Rev. H. H. Story, who has just been settled for the summer here at Skaguay, be sent to Petersburg as the pastor and organizor of that work. Mr. Story spent Memorial Day at Petersburg and delivered the address to the American Legion. He was at Petersburg for some time, as you will recollect, while he was getting his hand treated, and preached a number of times and became acquainted with the people. They think highly of him.

Mr. Rasmussen, our elder here, who was formerly, as I said in another letter today, a Swedish Evangelical minister at Yakutat, gives a high estimate of Petersburg as a coming town. There are three salmon canneries, a shrimp and a crab cannery, and a sawmill at Petersburg now, and a large paper mill is being established not far from the town. Mr. Rasmussen thinks it is a coming substantial place. Some prophecy that it will be the best town in Southeastern Alaska.

I was opposed to the giving up of our church at Petersburg, when Mr. Diven moved away from there. However, the Norwegians had the situation at that time. But they have not, now. During the war, quite a number of these Norwegians were pro-German in their sympathies, and that alienated the Americans. I am acquainted with the present Norwegian Lutheran minister, Mr. Flint, and am on cordial terms with him. Mr. Story has talked over this matter of establishing a Presbyterian church there, and he has not opposed it. He realizes that he has not a hold upon the Americans of that place, and some of the Swedes and Norwegians are out of sympathy with that church.

I have talked with Dr. Bruce about this proposition, and he was on the steamboat seeing me off when I received the enclosed petition. He is at one with me in this matter. I am writing Mr. Dawes, encouraging his proposition but telling him that on account of the financial stress of our Board it is not at all certain that we shall be able to take the matter up this year. Certainly, it cannot be done if it involves any considerable outlay of money, out of our present budget. If we can finance it in any other way; or if the Extension Fund can handle it, then we can organize the church this fall, and go ahead.

There is a large hall offered us for our meetings, at Petersburg, at a nominal rent. The people assured Mr. Story that they would bear the bulk of the financial burden from the first, and they thought that the church would rapidly advance to complete self-support.

Will you please take this matter up, soon, and let me know your conclusion. This is an opportunity which must not be slighted.

Very faithfully yours,

S Hall Young

SHW GJF

C O P Y

Petersburg, Alaska, May 31, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

We, the undersigned, residents of Ptersburg, Alaska, respectfully petition that a Presbyterian work be started in Ptersburg as soon as possible among both whites and natives, and we hereby pledge our full support, both moral and financial to such a work. We beg that our petition be transmitted to the proper authorities at your earliest convenience.

Signed:

C. M. Hohn
Chas. Alexander Greenar
Helen Hofstad
L. R. Cornelius
Mrs. L. B. Cornelius
L. E. Slumberger
W. S. Perkins
Ray Ursin
A. R. Hanson
C. L. Roundtree
C. T. Roundtree
Mrs. C. Roundtree
Neil C. MacGregor
Edward Locken
Forrest Tuger
Julius Talafson
Harold F. Dawes
Chas. A. West
Earl N. Ohmer
J. W. Delane
T. S. Elsimore
G. O. McDonald
W.E. Worth

Mrs. Niel C. MacGregor
C. E. Swanson
H. A. Dahl
W. P. Moyes
Chester Johnson
Robert N. Rogers, M. D.
G. F. Saxx Slegman
T. J. McBride
Mrs. T. J. McBride
Carl Rogers
M. C. Rogers
S. C. Gauffin
Mrs. S. C. Gauffin
John Adams
Frances Roundtree
Carl Hold
D. E. Sutphen
C. D. Osten
Daniel M. Thompson
Mrs. D. M. Thompson
Mx Jas. H. Wheeler
R. C. Mathis

July 26, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Doctor Young:

Rev. Paul G. Stevens has just sent me a report of his excursion to Alaska in which occurs the following sentence which greatly warms my heart and pleases all of your friends in the Home Board:

> "Dr. S. Hall Young was greatly appreciated by everyone in the party. His lectures were informing, inspiring and greatly worth while from every standpoint. His presence among the group was a benediction and added greatly to the success o of the tour."

This is what we knew you would do but it does us good to have someone tell us. Our prayer is constantly that your health and life may be continued in the paradise of your beloved Alaska.

Remember me to Mrs. Kleinschmidt and those interesting granddaughters.

This is just a personal note of appreciation and affection unmarred by any Home Mission business.

Very sincerely yours

JAM:MEL.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Aug. 14, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.LL.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis;

This letter is more in the nature of a friendly chat than a business letter. It acknowledges yours of July 26th in which you speak kindly of my conduct of the Presbyterian excursion and quote Mr. Steven's flattering words.

This first Presbyterian excursion of the season was a tremendous success. The weather was ideal and so was the crowd. We went to all the places we had planned for and had interesting meetings at the principal points. The great Metlakatla choir discourded clasical music in hightest style, and all of our missionaries whom we met made a fine impression. As voluntary contributions by individuals $261.00 were handed me for the new organ at Metlakatla, $100.00 for Buchanan's new church at Sitka and many small donations were made directly to Haines House and Sheldon Jackson School. After I left the company Mr. Stevens collected in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars, which I understand he has sent to your office for the support of a medical missionary who is to accompany our evangelistic boats during their cruising about in thesummer time. This contribution was made without my advise and I fear it means that that sum is to be hung up until next summer and perhaps indefinitely. Had I been aboard when the action was taken I think I could have directed this donation into a more practical channel.

To my great dissapointment and through no fault of mine I missed meeting President Harding's party at Metlakatla and conducting them to Wrangell and up to Juneau as planned, according the press, by yourself. You did not tell me of your having tendered my services to President Harding, but it was in a number of clippings sent me from various papers in the East, and was in the Associated Press dispatches. By reason of a double change in the President's plans and the breaking down of the Alaska cable at the critical time, I got off the Jefferson at Juneau on her return trip thinking that in this way only could I make sure of meeting the President. Governer Bone advised me to do this, and so I missed my chance of a trip with the President. However, I had a nice visit and satisfactory talk with President Harding at Juneau and also with Secretaries Work, Hoover and Wallace. The President made a splendid impression wherever he went and we hoped for great things as a result of his visit. Nowhere in the United States was the shock more overwhelming and the grief deeper than in Alaska, when the news of his sudden death reached us. I am sending you a marked copy of the Juneau Empire which contains outlines of the speeches made by Goveernor Bone, Mr. Keeler and myself at a great Union meeting on the Sunday following the President's death.

I start tomorrow night to Seattle to meet the second Presbyterian excursion under Mr. Fiske. This will not be so large an excursion nor so exclusively Presbyterian as was the other one, and I do not expect so much from it. The principal result of both excursions, I imagine, will be increased interest, on the part of our churches, in Alaska and its missions. This result has already been brought about in many churches, particularily in Southern California. Our great church in Pasadena will probably suppport a Field missionary in the Yukon Presbytery as a result of Dr. Freeman's visit to Alaska this summer. If I am to spend the latter part of next winter working for Alaska and Home Missions among the Churches, as Mr. Keeler thinks I will be called to do, I hope that I may spend three or four weeks in Southern California and in Oregon. It is not worth while for me to spend much time in the Synod of Washington or in the vicinity of San Francisco.

In regard to my trip next winter to the East I hope you will give me the opportunity to do something great for the National Board and for our Alaska work. I am to be a Commissioner to the General Assembly of 1924 and shall have my work in such shape that I can leave it in December or January without much detriment. There will be many new things to promote and old things to strengthen, and I will have some great new stories to tell and new projects to consult you about. I think I can be more of a "money getter" than ever. That new Chapel Boat will be to promote and I think that we ought to be ready to do our duty in our great Eskimo field and elsewhere in Alaska next summer. I shall not be a candidate for the Moderatorship but am ready for the greatest champaign of my life among the churches. I ought to make the round of our Bering Sea and Arctic Missions next summer and if practicable go to Bristol Bay and Nunivak. There will be some changes to bring about in the personnel of our missionaries and new workers to find.

Mr. Keeler has been a wonderful inspiration and help to us this summer. He has given new life and hope to many of our missions. The visit of Mr. Banks last summer and of Mr. Keeler this has done more good in Alaska than any previous visits of officials of our Board. This is not saying anything in criticisem of your visit or those of other officials. None of you had the opportunity or made such extensive visits as these two men. I hope that more of you can come to Alaska next summer.

You did not answer my letter of last spring in which I plead for a man at 156 Fifth Ave., to carry on the Alaska correspondence, put through the Alaska budget and stand back of my efforts and those of the officials of our Presbyteries. I have taken this matter up with Mr. Keeler and he has promised to urge the appointment of such an assistant secretary, whose sole business it will be to look after the business of our Territorial possessions including Alaska, Cuba, Porto Rico, Pannama and Hawaii, if that is added to the field of the National Board. I nominated as possibilities Dr. Bruce, Dr. Diven and Mr. Winterberger as the only capable men who know Alaska. They could do the work if the Board would choose them. Such a Secretary should spend at least two months (better three) in the summer with me in Alaska and two or three months of the winter among our Insular possessions.

Now a word about the Salvation Army matter. I must confess to having had some rather hard thoughts of you in connection with that affair. When I wrote the facts in thecase to you (and they were only facts, and not as emphatic as I could have made them) I had no thought that you would send my words to the Headquarters of the Army. They were written to you in confidence, and sending them in that form to the Headquarters in Canada was, to say the least, undiplomatic. It precipitated the question which could have been handled by us in connection with the Board in a far better way. However, I have taken up the matter personally with Capt. Jaynes and I think that we will arrive at a compromise which will be at least more satisfactory than the present condition of semi-antagonism.

In your letter of April 30th you say "If you were mistaken in your characterization of the work of the Salvation Army and have gotten me in wrong, I think it is up to both of us to Apologize and withdraw as gracefully as we can." My dear Doctor I was not mistaken, you got me in wrong instead of my getting you in wrong, and neither of us owe the Salvation Army any apology. I have made none and I think Capt. Jaynes loves me as well as he did before the controversy and that he will instruct his Lieutenants to do less proselyting. In one or two cases I have hopes that there will be actual union of thetwo bodies.

I hope you will pardon this long and desultory letter and answer it when you can. I hope you are having a restful vacation as you gird yourself anew for your greater task. I have visited most of our missions with Mr. Keeler and he would have seen all of them had our two boats been finished in good time and on the field. I shall have to visit the points he did not reach, and shall go to them as soon as I get through with this excursion.

With warmest regards I am

Devotedly yours,

L Hall Young

October 26, 1923.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

I enclose copies of letters which have just come to me from Mr. Roundy of the Home Missions Council with enclosure from Mr. Hawkesworth. The matter of such a conference has been very much in my mind since my return from Northern Alaska four years ago. I should like very much your reaction on it and the benefit of any suggestion you may have to make.

Mr. Banks has been discussing with me the matter of your coming to the United States. My strong feeling is that you ought not to undertake it this winter, especially to the East. We have Dr. and Mrs. Spence already speaking on Alaska all over the Church and the Board I am pretty sure would feel that that is sufficient for promotion purpose this year. If you need a change from the bleak scenery and forbidding climate of Alaska, we might release you to go to Southern California for a rest and change. Please do not consider this, however, as a warrant from the Board for California or elsewhere until you hear further.

With best wishes for every blessing on you and yours, I am, as ever,

Yours,

JAM:ES

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Returned to Dr Marquis

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Nov. 13, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,LL.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis;

In your letter of Oct.26th, received by last mail, you discuss the matter of my coming to the U.S. the coming winter; you state that your feeling is that I should not undertake it, and you state that Dr. and Mrs. Spence are speaking on Alaska all over the Church and you think the Board will feel that that is sufficient for promotion purposes this year. Then you add a sentence that both provokes me and makes me laugh. "If you need a change from the bleak scenery and forbidding climate of Alaska,we might release you to go to Southern California for a rest and change."

By the same mail which brought yours came a letter from Dr. George E. Hunt , of Madison, a copy of which I enclose. I have written at length to Dr. Hunt and have given him my permission to send you a copy of the letter. And now in answering yours I am torn between the desire to talk to you like a Dutch uncle, as the older man, and the feeling that I must show you proper respect as my superior officer.

First; I do not know where you got the impression that I am a broken down man. Certainly I have not asked for your sympathy as such a wreck as you imagine, and my activities in traveling by all sorts of conveyances in all sorts of weather, in climbing mountains, conducting tours, making addresses, and writing letters have not slackened. Ask Miss Smith whether she thinks I have fallen into a state of senile decay. Ask Mr. Keeler if I plead feebleness as an excuse for refusing to go with him anywhere. In fact I am feeling much better and stronger than when I left New York two and one half years ago. On the 19th of Sept. in company with Dr. Bruce, I climbed Mt. Roberts, the highest mountain back of Juneau - 3600 ft - and fully enjoyed its wonderful view. I challenge you to try the feat with me again next summer. When storm bound during my cruise on the Lindsley with Penfield and Guiles,last August, - or rather September - I tramped through the mud with them and outwalked them both. I have not asked for a vacation of idleness and recuperation, for I have not needed it.

No, Doctor, your real reason for refusing my request backed by both Alaska Presbyteries, is that you do not wish Alaska to be exploited this year before the churches. You have caught the infection of fear from Dr. Fullerton and others that Alaska will get more than her share of Presbyterian funds and that the general cause will suffer. The excuse that Dr. and Mrs. Spence are speaking on Alaska all over the Church is not a valid one. Dr. Spence has but one subject, and that is Point Barrow and its Eskimos. He knows no other part of Alaska. His speaches, while they may create some sympathy and procure some

aid for Point Barrow, are really misrepresentations of the country as a whole. You yourself , inspite of the testimony of all who have ever visited or lived in Interior or southern Alaska, cannot get away from, or refrain giving to the Church, the idea that Alaska is , as you expressed it in this last letter, a"bleak and desolate country". The keeping of Dr. Spence in the lecture field , while refusing that field to those of us who have the true and larger view of Alaska , will do harm instead of good. Ask Dr. Freeman, Mr. Keeler or Miss Smith or Mr. Banks if they saw anything bleak or desolate about Alaska.

Now Doctor, you told me two years ago that I was to effect a "radical reconstruction" of Alaska missions. I have been trying to bring this about and great strides have been made in the right direction. You have been sympathetic and helpful, but, harassed by many other cares and obsessed by the wrong idea that special funds secured from individuals for special Alaska needs will take from the general revenue of the Board , you are, I think, making a great mistake. I have watched the outcome of my previous efforts very carefully, and I know that the specials I raised , such as the $10,000.00 raised in '99 for the new Yukon Presbytery, the $10,000.00 raised in 1915 for Anchorage, the $7,000.00 raised in 1917 for Nenana and many other sums I have procured, mostly from individuals, have not only not reduced the general income of the Board, but by stimulating the Church to interest and activity in one field has increased its gifts for all. And the Yukon Presbytery would not have come into existance, the splendid record of our church in the Yukon and Tanana Valleys and on Seward Peninsula would not have been written, the various points of vantage in Southern Alaska would not have been occupied, and our Church would not have held its leading position in every ~~any~~ part of Alaska had I not been active in the States, as well as in Alaska, in exciting the Churches interest and inducing it to respond to the help of the regions I had explored.

Alaska's needs are many and insistant just now. Southeastern Alaska cannot be fully evangelized without the third and larger boat. It is proposed to raise the funds for this boat- its purchase and support - from sources entirely outside of the Board's funds. The training of our native Alaskan missionaries must be carried forward. I propose to approach the General Board of Education, not the Board of Missions, on this subject. The subjects of the raise in salaries, the building of churches in Juneau, Sitka, Petersburg and Angoon I can take up personally with the proper authorities. Mr. ~~Freeman~~ Faul and your daughter Sarah have written me repeatedly on the subject of new illustrated lectures on Alaska. I can only write and arrange these by going personally to 156. All of our missions ought to be adopted by strong Churches in the States. I can best bring this about by personal presentation of the claims of each. I am also needed to help plan in person other Presbyterian excursions for next summer.

Yukon Presbytery needs me still more - needs my good offices with the Eastern Churches. We need and must have the Field man at Nenana and the Interior. I am confident that I can raise the support of such a man in Calif., outside of funds that would otherwise go to the Board. The pastor's there are calling for me, and that region is already intensely interested in Alaska on account of the excursions. I must find a first class man to take Marple's place (see another letter sent by this mail) and should visit the man personally and lay the whole field before him. Then our new and projected Eskimo missions: If Dr. Greist is to come out next summer we must have a man to take his place, and I should take that man up in person to Point Barrow next summer. A man for Wainwright should also be procured and taken there. Dr. Greist needs a Nome dog team and many other things. We must not cease our efforts to find a missionary physician for Wales. A number of new houses and repairs for old ones must be

arranged for in the Eskimo region. And, if possible, I should visit the Bristal Bay country and arouse the Church to its responsibility in regard to our neglected field in that region. At other General Assemblies I have been enabled to accomplish much for Alaska, but it was only after I had prepared the way by preliminary campaigns.

Now, my dear Doctor, I do not wish to do as Dr. Hunt suggests- "Take the bit in my teeth", but I am asking you most earnestly to reconsider this question and let me do what all the missionaries desire I should do - go to see rich and influential friends, appear before the National Board in person and carry on a campaign for Alaska. I do not wish to appear bumptious or rebellious but my passion is the evangelization of Alaska. That is what the Lord created me for, and, please Him, I shall not cease my efforts in that direction as long as life holds out.

Please answer this letter very soon in order that I may be able to answer the letters that I am receiving asking for dates.

With love to all in the office ,

Devotedly yours,

S Hall Young

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Oct. 31, 1923

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young;

I have this day received a letter from New York, signed by Dr. John L. Marquis, that greatly astonishes me and pains me, to the effect that you are "in no physical condition to take such a trip as he is contemplating". He goes on to say that the Boatd have written you not to come East this winter, but to go to southern Calif. for a two month's rest, and that the Board cannot arrange any speaking trip for you.

Now if that is so, then I am mighty sorry for you and for ourselves as well, and both Dr. Russell and I want you to know that we are hoping that you will not undertake any work this winter that will endanger your health further, but that if you do come this far East and want a restful visit here among the children of & the old friends of John Muir and his Alma Mater, we will accomidate our program here to suit your needs and strength. We want you to come and visit us anyhow even if you may not be able to speak publicly.

If this report from New York "aint so" and they over estimate your weariness and under estimate your strength, then we want you to take the bits in your teeth and come on and give us a chance to give you a good jolly time entertaining and inspiring a lot of fine folks here. If there is any possibility of your doing this, please let us know at your earliest convenience because the University program for the year is rapidly taking shape and if you are to be included it will have to be arranged soon. So please write us and assure us that you are not the broken man that Dr. Marquis seems to think. We certainly hope and pray that he is mistaken.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Geo. E. Hunt.

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Nov. 13, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis;

In yours of Oct. 26th you enclose copies of letters which you received from Mr. Roundy of the Home Missions Council and from Mr. Hawksworth, of Juneau. You desire my reaction on this question.

I have repeatedly discussed with Mr. Hawksworth and with others the question of such a conference of the religious and educational workers in Southeastern Alaska as is suggested. There is no question but that such a conference would be benificial if it could be brought about.

There are, however, several sectional conventions - annual - in Southeastern Alaska. First the annual School Meet, confined to the white schools, or Territorial Schools of Southeastern Alaska. These are under the auspices of the various Parent-Teacher associations and provide for contests, athletic and intellectual, for public meetings, etc. It would be hard to introduce the religious element into these conventions.

Second; The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood have an annual convention, at which all questions that concern native rights and advancement are discussed. This year the Presbyterians meet with the Brotherhood, and as the members are nearly all members of the Presbyterian Church and graduates of the Sitka Training School, the convention, throughout, partakes of a religious character and has great influence for good among the native tribes. As no other religious denomination, except the Salvation Army, has missions among the natives, this annual combined convention can be made to fill all the needs contemplated. The native schools, however, might hold their convention at the time and place without much additional trouble and expense.

Third; The annual convention of the Salvation Army is a strictly partizan affair, and the efforts to proselyte the Presbyterians are so open and so raw that cooperation seems almost impossible.

When we have our third large boat, the combined great convention of the A.N.B. the Presbyterian missions, and the native schools can be much more easily convened, the expenses lessened and all of our missionaries to native charges can attend.

I shall discuss this matter with Mr. Hawksworth and I see no reason why such a combined convention could not be held next fall.

Faithfully yours,

S Hall Young

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Dear Dr. Marquis;

I have already written you three letters and now has come your night letter of yesterday. It reads as follows "Word from Skagway and advice from Dr. Freeman indicates Story unacceptable stop we do not approve appointment of Story accept this as final have wired Story that other arrangements are being made and make impossible his assignment to Skagway another man should be secured Am writing. Signed John A, Marquis. Varian Banks"

This telegram greatly disappoints me and my Executive Committee. We are sure that a mistake has been made. Dr, Freeman has evidently confused Dr. Story with his son Harry. I do not think that Freeman knows the elder Story at all, and he only saw Harry for a very short time. Further, Mr. Zinkan, the most active Elder of Skagway,writes that all the members of the session who were present,and the congregational meeting all cordially acquiesced in calling Dr. Story. I, who know Dr. Story personally, and the Executive Committee who know his record during the short time he was here, all agreed that he would be most likely to prove the man for the place.

Against this sentiment for him you have only the objection of one man, probably Mr. Rasmussen, who never saw Dr. Story and who is a chronic objector. Mr. Rasmussen and his family are absent from Skagway most of the year. Mr. Rasmussen was formerly a Swedish Evangelical Missionary at Yakutat. Dr. Harrison, of Sacremento warmly endorses Dr. Story.

As one of our Executive Committee here remarked, "When the Board has an ugly task, like the firing of one of our men to do, it makes the officers of the Presbytery do it. But when there is a plain case like the present which plainly belongs to the Presbytery and the General Missionary and the Church and the Committee are all agreed, then the Board, upon what is plainly a misconception of the case, knocks our plans into a cocked hat and leaves a church in the air."

This fiasco will be hard to explain to the Skagway Church. The Board will now have to do its best to find a man at once for Skagway. For pity's sake, do not send us another man like Mr. Good or Dr. Mathews' poor old father-in-law.

Yours in a pet,

S Hall Young